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HOLY WAR THREAT IN IRAK.

IBNSAUD SAID TO HAVE RALLIED FANATICS.

BRITAIN FACED WITH VERY GRAVE PROBLEM.

DECLARATION OF WAR

London, Mar. 6.
The Wahabi trouble has developed into serious proportions if the report that Ibn Saud, the King of the Hedjaz, is going to cast his lot with the raiders responsible for the many atrocities in Irak, is to be believed.

The report means that Britain will have to deal with the whole might of the Wahabis, "the Puritans of Islam," the most powerful Arab combination on the peninsula. They are a tribe filled with a reforming zeal and their contempt of death is only comparable to the fanaticism of the Mahdists.

Ibn Saud has formerly been most friendly to Great Britain, and only last year signed a treaty with General Clayton. He has always shown great moderation and a broadminded conception of the necessities of the pilgrim traffic to Mecca.

His forces are great warriors. Only a few years ago they easily routed the troops of King Hussein, whose brief reign in the Hedjaz, the Wahabi advance brought summarily to an end.—*Reuter.*

Ibn Saud Declares War.

London, Mar. 6.
The uneasiness created by the talk of a "Holy War" by Ibn Saud, the King of the Hedjaz, has been deepened by an "unofficial bulletin" transmitted from Jerusalem, which states that Ibn Saud has declared war on Irak and Transjordan.

A large force of Wahabis equipped with modern weapons is reported to be manoeuvring in the Maan area.

Tanks and Aeroplanes.

Seven tanks and 22 aeroplanes have been sent by the British authorities to protect the Transjordan frontier, although, up to the present, there has been no official confirmation of the serious developments.

It is pointed out that Ibn Saud's declaration, if true, amounts to tearing up the Treaty of Jeddah signed in May last year, under which the contracting parties undertook to maintain good relations with the other. Ibn Saud then agreed to maintain friendly relations with Koweit and Bahrain.—*Reuter.*

Faisal on the Move.

Basra, Mar. 6.
Faisal-de-Dawish, the outlaw Sheikh, who is the leader of the desert tribesmen, who have been responsible for the recent terrible atrocities, and who latterly have been raiding the Koweit district, is reported to be again moving.

It is understood that the new aircraft base established at Koweit consists of ten bombing planes, ten armoured cars, and a number of transport vehicles, ambulance cars and so on.—*Reuter.*

VIOLENT QUAKES IN KAMTCHATKA.

THREE VOLCANOES NOW IN ERUPTION.

Moscow, Mar. 6.
A violent earthquake in the region of Kamtchatka has been followed by the eruptions of three volcanoes, which have been ejecting flames and ashes for two days. Deep cracks have appeared in the Tundra districts, while the ice frozen on the Kamtchatka River is cracked.

A number of hunters' tents were destroyed, but otherwise no serious damage has been reported.—*Reuter.*

PIRATE FLEET RAID KINKO MARU.

DISPERSED BY JAPANESE MACHINE-GUNS.

DISASTER DOUBT END.

The arrival in Formosa of the members of the crew of the ill-fated Japanese s.s. Kinko Maru, which crashed on the rocks south of Foochow, and sank, clears up the last shreds of the mystery attaching to the disaster.

It is now established that the vessel ran aground in the fog, and began to sink rapidly, the crew making off in a junk after vain efforts to check the inrush.

The 14th Japanese destroyer squadron, which was rushed to the scene of the mishap, found the Kinko Maru already submerged with her funnel and stern above water, and over a hundred pirate craft clustered round.

The destroyers dispersed the pirates with machine-guns but by this time the ship had been looted of every detachable fitting, and the whole of her coal cargo. The crew was missing, and as no news had been received, a vigorous scouring of both land and sea was carried out under the orders of the commander of the squadron.

Eventually, the 38 members of the crew, were discovered in a junk a long way from the scene of the disaster and taken on board the destroyer Aoi.

MEXICAN BANDIT OUTRAGE.

MURDEROUS ATTACK ON MOTOR BUS: FIVE KILLED.

Mexico City, March 6.
Another bandit outrage, as the result of which five were killed and ten wounded, occurred at Jalapa to-day.

The bandits attacked a motor-bus, which was running along merrily with about thirty passengers laughing and smoking, when the bandits appeared at the roadside and without warning poured in a volley of rifle and revolver bullets.

Two of the passengers were killed on the spot, and three died later of their wounds. One of the victims of the outrage was a woman.—*Reuter's American Service.*

EMBARGO ON SOVIET GOLD.

U. S. TREASURY REFUSES TO ASSAY SHIPMENT.

Washington, Mar. 6.
The U. S. Treasury has declined to accept for assaying gold bullion, valued at G\$5,000,000, recently shipped to America by the Soviet Government, and consigned to the Chase National Bank and the Equitable Trust Company.

The State Department has not objected to the Treasury receiving the gold, but the Attorney General ruled that it was illegal for the Treasury to accept the shipment in view of the embargo against Soviet gold importations since 1920.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NON-INFLAMMABLE PETROL.

INQUIRY INTO EFFECTS OF USE OF ETHYL SPIRIT.

London, Mar. 6.
The Minister of Health announced in the House of Commons to-day that immediate steps were being taken to set up a committee of inquiry regarding the effects of the use of petrol containing lead ethyl.

The Committee would be asked to present their report with the least possible delay.—*British Wireless.*

AFTER FOURTEEN YEARS.

The Hague, March 6.
Heer Van Leeuwen, the Vice-President of the Council of State since 1914, has resigned.—*Reuter.*

SIR AUSTEN GETS PIQUED.

DEMANDS MORE CARE IN CONVENTIONS.

VARIOUS REASONS GIVEN FOR OPIUM FAILURE.

LEAGUE IN SESSION.

Sir Austen Chamberlain was drawn to remark that more care should be taken in drawing up Conventions, after various delegates in the Council of the League of Nations had announced the reasons why their countries had not ratified the Opium Convention, for which Sir Austen strongly pressed.

The Committee on Arbitration and Security adopted several model treaties and agreements, and sent recommendations to the League Assembly.

Geneva, Mar. 6.
The Committee on Arbitration and Security, during a long sitting to-day, adopted the models of a draft general Convention providing for the pacific settlement of international disputes and of the procedure for the settlement of such disputes by conciliation.

The Committee also adopted a collective treaty of security which will be called a Treaty of Mutual Assistance, and, in addition, it adopted several resolutions for submission to the League Assembly relating to "the submission of recommendations models for general Conventions on conciliation, arbitration, and judicial settlement."

Non-members as well as members of the League of Nations will be asked to consider the models, and States will be advised to adopt the model of security treaties.

Row of Excuses.

In the Council, Sir Austen Chamberlain, the British Foreign Secretary, pressed for the ratification of the Opium Convention of 1925.

Mr. Beelaerts and Mr. Adachi announced that the Netherlands and Japan, respectively, had delayed ratification owing to the modification of the national legislation.

M. D'Anderand said that a ratification Bill was now before the Canadian Parliament.

Dr. Stresemann promised ratification immediately Germany received a seat on the Central Board of Control of the Traffic in Opium. Having listened to these various statements, Sir Austen Chamberlain advocated that greater care should be taken in drawing up proposals for Conventions.

The Council agreed to place the question of the ratification of the Convention on the agenda for the next session.—*Reuter.*

Serious Situation Created.

London, Mar. 6.
Sir Austen Chamberlain drew attention to the serious situation being created by the failure of the League to ratify most of the Opium Conventions, notably the Opium Convention of 1925. He mentioned also conventions of importance to the shipping industry dealing with the freedom of transit, the simplification of customs facilities and navigable waters.

The British Foreign Secretary made a special appeal on behalf of the Opium Convention which would only become effective when ratified by seven members of council, and he said the lesson to be drawn was that the League should adopt only those conventions likely to be ratified instead of the large number which fail to become effective.

Finally on the proposal of Signor Scialoja, the Council placed on the agenda for the next Session the question of the failure of Members of the League to ratify conventions.—*British Wireless.*

Russia's Suggestion.

The Secretary-General of the League has received a telegram from M. Litvinoff proposing that Turkey be invited to attend the next Session of the Preparatory Commission on Disarmament Conference.—*Reuter.*

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BRITISH STEAMER SHELLED.

SENSATIONAL ACT BY U. S. DESTROYER.

CHASED TO MIAMI.

Washington, March 6.
A sensational story of an American coastguard destroyer opening fire on a British passenger steamer comes to hand from Miami.

The destroyer, named the Cassin, fired eight shells at the British s.s. Isle of June, while the vessel was steaming off Miami Harbour on Monday.

The British steamer was not hit, but her passengers were most alarmed.

The coastguard destroyer ordered the Isle of June to stop and be searched for contraband, but Captain Wheeler, the master of the Isle of June, refused as the vessel was then in British waters near the Bahamas.

The Cassin pursued and continued to fire at the British until it reached Miami, where a search was made and no contraband was found.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE HSINTAMING DISASTER.

ATSUTA MARU HELD BY AUTHORITIES.

ENQUIRY INTO CAUSE.

Shanghai, Mar. 7.
The Japanese steamer, Atsuta Maru, which was involved in the terrible disaster below Chinkiang, when over 300 Chinese were drowned in the sinking of a Chinese steamer, and which has been detained at Shanghai since February 20th, is still "under arrest."

The Chinese authorities are holding her pending a settlement of the responsibility for the accident.

The owners of the ill-fated s.s. Hsin Tai Ming, have nominated Mr. Fessenden, and Mr. Hunt, the manager of the U.S. Shipping Board as their representatives on the Arbitration Board, and have requested the owners of the Atsuta Maru to nominate two.

The four will nominate a fifth to act as chairman, and the Board will then sit to sift the matter of responsibility, and the fix the amount of the indemnity.

It is now stated that 320 lives were lost, while up to the moment, 245 bodies have been recovered.—*Reuter.*

EMPIRE WINE IS STRONGER.

DEMAND INCREASES MORE THAN FOURFOLD.

London, Mar. 6.
Capt. W. G. A. Ormsby Gore, the Under-Secretary for the Dominions, stated in Parliament to-day, that the imports of Empire wines into Great Britain rose from just over 1,000,000 gallons in the year before the war to more than 4,500,000 gallons last year.

Asked whether the Australian wines were successfully competing with those from France, Capt. Ormsby Gore said that both Australian and South African wines were in great demand, and the consumption was steadily increasing.—*British Wireless.*

REPORT INCORRECT.

CHENG HUNG-NIEN NOT IN PEKING.

Shanghai, Mar. 7.
It is stated that the report that Mr. Cheng Hung-nien is in Peking is unfounded. The gentleman is at present residing at the Chinan University, Chenchu, near Shanghai.—*Reuter.*

TREATY RATIFIED.

Washington, Mar. 6.
The Senate has ratified the Franco-American arbitration treaty without a division.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TERRORIST RULE IN HUPEH.

WHOLE FAMILIES ARE WIPED OUT.

WOMEN TAKE PROMINENCE AS EXECUTIONERS.

AUTHORITIES ACT.

Hankow, Feb. 22.
A foreigner who has just come back from the district of Hwangchow tells a tale of Communist horrors, which are going on in the country there, that is well high unbelievable.

This does not mean that the Chinese authorities are not busy in trying to crush the red terror, for strict order is being maintained in the city of Hwangchow and only persons who are guaranteed as not being communists are allowed to enter.

Over Thirty Executed.

Steps are being taken in the country to round up the communists, who are organised peasants, but these gather and disperse so quickly that it is hard to catch them. However, the discovery of a meeting of communists led to some thirty odd of their number being captured and these with a few others, totalling 35 were executed at Hwangchow on Thursday. Later another two met their death. The bodies were allowed to lie where they had fallen till Sunday afternoon when twenty of them were taken away.

It was reported that the authorities had another 28 prisoners who it was said had been found guilty and were awaiting execution.

Women Among Leaders.

These wholesale executions at first appearance seem to be unnecessarily drastic, but according to our informant the countryside is being utterly terrorised by arson, pillage and murder till no one knows which day will prove to be his last. The communists are being led by young men, and even women of between twenty and thirty and these order every house in districts to send a representative each to their meetings. If the people do not do this their homes are immediately raided, and the occupants are lucky to get off with only the loss of their goods.

Usually someone or other is killed as reprisal. When the gathering takes place the crowd, then are guided by some local character to the houses of the rich in an adjacent village, whereupon the unlucky "host" is first forced to disgorge and then generally sees the rest of his family with servants wiped out and his home burned before he himself is killed.

Female Executioners.

A horrible phase of this massacre is that women communists take a leading part as executioners. In one known instance a young girl killed no less than five of the occupants herself, and when it comes to wringing old people in their bedding soaking this with kerosene and burning them alive, the average brain reels.

The number of families who have been wiped out has reached a terrific figure but the leaders of this reign of terror are now becoming known although they have been lucky up to the present in making their escape. One of the men is an ex-teacher who comes from a family who are all bitterly anti-bolshevik. In the same level as himself is a young woman, also an ex-teacher, who was married but is now a widow, as her husband was amongst the 35 executed on Thursday. She is stated to dress in men's clothes and carry a rifle like an ordinary soldier.

These are the people who hold human life cheap and are every night burning down villages and massacring the inhabitants. So bad was it that only a fortnight ago they attacked a town near Hwangchow and word was sent round the inhabitants of that city to have one representative in each house awake throughout the night. The terrorism and the stringent precautions, however, are having their effect and the communists are becoming so hated that they will soon be betrayed on all sides.

SUBMARINE MOTION SHELVED.

MR. KELLOGG'S DESIRE AN "EMPTY GESTURE."

NO ABOLITION PLEA.

Washington, March 6.
The question of abolishing submarine warfare by international agreement came before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives to-day.

After some discussion of a resolution, recommending that the abolition be sought, the Committee by 6 votes to 5 decided to lay it on the table.—*Reuter's American Service.*

The action of the Committee has frustrated the move of Mr. F. B. Kellogg in regard to the opening of negotiations for the abolition of submarines. The passing of the resolution would be a recorded fact that Congress favoured the United States making an effort to bring about such an end.

Mr. Porter, the Chairman of the Committee, described the resolution as an empty gesture. He pointed out that the submarine was the sole protection of many smaller nations against great naval powers.

"We have no more right to ask France or Italy, for example, to abolish their own means of defence," he said, "than they would have to ask us to abolish our only means of defence, namely the Navy."—*Reuter's American Service.*

GERMANY TO CANCEL TRADE TREATY.

BRITAIN'S POLICY CHANGED BASIS OF FOUNDATION.

Berlin, March 6.
During the Reichstag session to-day, the Minister of Economics announced that Germany would give notice to Great Britain at the earliest possible moment terminating the trade treaty between the countries.

He stated that Germany proposed to follow this course in order to "place our relations with England on another basis."

He had previously voiced dissatisfaction regarding Germany's trade relations with Britain and expressed the opinion that certain measures adopted by the British Government were equivalent to an alteration of the basis on which the trade agreement was founded.—*Reuter.*

Official circles in London are ignorant with regard to the announcement of the Minister of Economics in the Reichstag, but have pointed out that the Anglo-German commercial treaty does not expire until 1930, and 1929 is the earliest date at which notice of termination can be given.—*Reuter.*

NANKING OFFICIALS MEET.

FOREIGN MINISTER RESIGNS POST.

Shanghai, Mar. 7.
At a meeting of the Nanking Government, yesterday, it was decided that 25 more members be admitted to the Military Council, including General Feng Ben-yen, formerly Tuchun of Kiangsi; General Hsia Tao-yen, and other prominent leaders.

Among other important matters, the resignations of Mr. Quo Tschih, the acting Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Hsu Hsin-chao, the Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, were approved by the meeting.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

UNEMPLOYED STILL FEWER.

REDUCTION OF 220,000 IN TWO MONTHS.

London, Mar. 6.
Unemployment continues steadily to decrease. In the latest return, the number of persons on the register of employment exchanges is 1,108,700, which is 28,000 less than the week previous, and is compared with 1,382,000 on January 2nd; a reduction of over 200,000 in two months.—*British Wireless.*

CUTTY SARK'S OLD COMMANDER.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN R. WOODGET.

CHARACTER SKETCH OF A FAMOUS SKIPPER.

LINK WITH THE PAST.

London, March 6.
The death is announced of Captain Richard Woodget, the octogenarian skipper of the famous old-time China tea clipper, Cutty Sark.—*Reuter.*

The late Captain Woodget was 82 years of age, having been born in November, 1846. He learned his craft in the hard school of a Geordie billyboy, but it made him a thorough seaman and the miscellaneous jobs that fell to his lot were invaluable training for the work that he had to tackle when he was captain of a clipper.

Secret of Success.

One of these was practical rigging, and one of the secrets of his success was that he always went over every bit of gear himself and was quite certain that it could stand the tremendous strains that he was certain to put on it once it commenced to blow. For even in those days there was scarcely anybody who could crack on and keep on sail as he did, and yet his term in command of the old ship, the Cutty Sark, was remarkably free from any serious accident.

He was at his best when she was carrying all that he could crowd on to her and only showing that he was aware of the responsibility that rested on his shoulders by his habit of getting one end of his moustache into his mouth.

Proud of the "Old Man."

He was most particular about stowage of his ship, which also had an appreciable bearing on his success, and at every opportunity went aloft to make sure that the gear he had chosen was all well. The men knew perfectly well that he was the finest seaman of his age, and sailor-like they worshipped a man who knew his job from A to Z, otherwise they certainly would not have stood the way he drove them, while as it was men came back to sail with him voyage after voyage and were blasphemously proud even of the way he made them work. They would even go down to the prayer meetings he held in his cabin, knowing full well that the Old Man could express himself perfectly well if he did or said anything that he did not like.

His Best Days.

His best days, however, were when it was blowing hard enough to wear the aged tam-o'-shanter which meant that he was going to crack on in a way that would give them material for many a fore-castle yarn. It is said that the never have to in all the ten years that he had command of the Cutty Sark. Small wonder that men were intensely proud of having served under him, even if it were only for a voyage, and carried it as a hall-mark right through their seafaring career.

Strict But Just.

In fine weather he was quite a different person. He always had dogs on board, generally quite a collection of collies, and was intensely fond of them. But he was never so occupied with them that he could not find plenty of work for all hands to do and he was specially keen on preventing the apprentices thinking that the sea was an easy and idle life. He made the youngsters do the work of men, just as he had been made to do when first he went to sea in the sixties, and the result, of course, was that he turned out some magnificent sailors.

His discipline was very strict, but it was scrupulously just and the fact that he never lost his head in any circumstances made a tremendous difference. His crew were fond enough of him to permit his being kindly and friendly to them without being taken advantage of, of one attempt was quite enough to last a long time.—*(Continued on Page 14.)*

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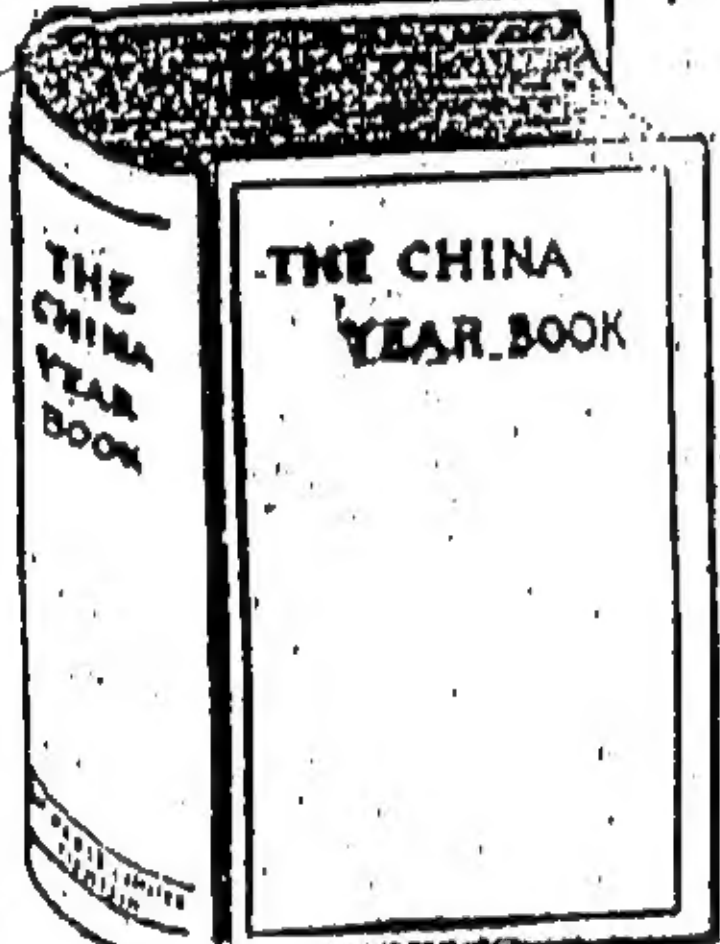
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LOCAL FARMING.

AGRICULTURAL SHOW
COMMITTEE MEETS.

Though the New Territories Agricultural Show of 1927 constituted largely the very inception of things, and somewhat arduous spade-work at that, it has netted certain practical results at the moment. If for nothing else, it has served the useful purpose of arousing interest and enthusiasm among the farmers, throughout five or six hundred villages in the New Territories, in the hope that they may gradually adopt modern methods of farming. For this and other interests evinced, the General Committee of the New Territories Agricultural Show have felt some reasonable satisfaction to carry on the work to further development this year.

This was the optimistic note that prevailed at the meeting held last Saturday at Lady Ho Tung's experimental farm at Sheung Shui, to formulate and revise plans for holding the next Show. The Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E., presided. Among those present were Mr. J. A. Fraser, District Officer North (Taipei), Lady Ho Tung, and Messrs. Fung Kei Chou, of Fanling, Tsai Po Tin, J. Bullock, of the Dairy Farm, Ng Sing Chi, Tong Wai Tong and Tang Pak Kail.

Sir Robert Ho Tung was unavoidably absent, on account of important business. It was the desire of the General Committee that Sir Robert be persuaded to act as Vice-Chairman of the new Show, and this request has been transmitted to him accordingly.

It was decided that a letter of thanks should be addressed to the retiring secretary, Mr. J. P. Bragg, to whom the Committee feel extremely grateful. At the same time, the Committee accorded a hearty welcome to the new Secretary, Mr. J. D. Bush, and Mr. C. P. Tong, the new Treasurer.

Several of the valued helpers and members of the General Committee will not be able to assist in the new Show, as they will be shortly going home on furlough, notably Messrs. J. L. MacPherson and L. Gibbs. Happily, however, others have come forward to fill the gaps.

Next Show in 1929.

At an earlier meeting held at the beginning of the year, the Committee unanimously decided that a show be held, but the date for which had not been fixed; and in order to allow ample time for making preparations it was decided, at the suggestion of Mr. J. A. Fraser, to fix the date for opening the next Show on the 5th and 6th of January, 1929. These dates have also been especially selected to enable more visitors from Hongkong to avail themselves of the opportunity to witness the exhibits. For a time, the question was mooted as regards holding the Show at Kowloon, but stronger arguments were advanced in favour of the Sheung Shui site from the point of view of the people of the New Territories.

Rev. Mr. Wells announced that the Special Prize presented by H. E. the Governor, to be awarded to the most successful district in the New Territories at the Show held last year, has not been prepared, because no final decision has been reached as to the winning district.

As funds were urgently needed for printing and other purposes, a subscription of \$135 was raised at the meeting of last Saturday, to meet the initial expenses of the current year.

The General Committee have arranged to hold the next meeting to discuss further important business in connexion with the new Show on May 5.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Lady Ho Tung entertained the members of the Committee to tea, and what with favourable weather, an enjoyable afternoon was spent at Sheung Shui.

Contributed.

CHRISTIANISATION.

CATHEDRAL HALL DEBATE.

At the Cathedral Hall last evening a debate was held at which the majority of the Church body were present, including the Very Rev. Dean Swann, the Rev. Kirk Macdonald, and Sir Henry Pollock, the subject being whether the conversion of the individual was preferable to the changing of conditions, with a view to the Christianising of the world. Mr. Hopper was in the chair.

There were only 15 present when the Rev. Kirk Macdonald opened the case for Individualism. He quoted instances of baptism en masse in South America, where converts came to the fold by means of a wet mop sprinkled over them in bulk, thus they entered into a state of salvation. He was not satisfied with this sort of universal Y.M.C.A.

He admitted that some people in the world were living in conditions which could be improved, but as with the pig and the sty, if the pig could be made a Persian cat, he would be meticulous in the matter of cleanliness. There had been ideal conditions in Paradise, but man had let God down. America had ideal conditions compared with other nations, but there was no evidence that they were more godly in that country.

In the speaker's opinion, if the individual was improved, the conditions in which he lived improved, but he was not advocating the establishment of a Garden City. The Christian would do away with sordid conditions, just as the prodigal son, after having been with the swine, had a new heart and said, "I will arise and go to my Father." Evidence of his desire for better things.

Beefsteak v Gospel.

The Rev. Koop opposing, replied. He stated the case for the Christian socialist who looked askance at the hymnal, which referred to "The rich man in his castle, the poor man at his gate," and God having made both of them to their elected estate. These criticisms had not been framed by the "poor man at the gate."

Christ had performed good deeds generally, the curing of the sick and making men more comfortable; he was concerned with their condition and was more interested in those who lacked this world's goods. It was well for the Church to preach biblical truths, but what was needed in a good many cases was a good plate of beefsteak. After this, it was possible to preach the bible, for the physical must come before the spiritual. Rev. Koop quoted the examples of certain Labour leaders, who had at one time been members of the church but had fallen away when they found therein no sympathy, and no bread in times of trouble.

Concluding, the speaker stated it as an opinion based on such experiences, that the Kingdom of God tarried because the church had not fulfilled the commands of the Master in ministering to the needs of the poor.

Mr. Lee supported Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Zimmerman spoke in favour of Rev. Koop's argument, after which the Dean, the Very Rev. Swann, expressed it as his opinion that there was no possibility of a fair vote on the subject, since the points were so inter-developing. He made many references to support this, where the Master had ministered to both spiritual and physical needs, without any reference to souls or social matters.

The Rev. Kirk Macdonald and the Rev. Koop replied for their respective arguments and the meeting then voted on the subject of debate. The result was six to five in favour of the changing of conditions as against individual conversion, several of those present abstaining from voting, among whom were the Dean and Sir Henry Pollock.

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS BY THE CAPTAIN
SUPERINTENDENT.

The following Police Reserve orders are issued by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police:

Letter of Appreciation.

The following letter which was received from H. E. the Governor by the C.S.P. is published for information: "...I wish most heartily to thank and congratulate you and the Force under your command for the splendid arrangements made in connexion with the visit of Marshal Li Chai-sum."

The fact that much complicated detail work proceeded without a hitch reflects the greatest credit on the entire Hongkong Police Force.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) C. Clementi.

The C.S.P. wishes to express his appreciation of the services rendered by the Members of the Police Reserve—the Chinese Company, the Flying Squad, and the sharpshooters' Company—during the visit of Marshal Li Chai-sum.

Flying Squad.

The next weekly Instructional Patrol will be held on Thursday, March 8. Fall in at 5.15 p.m. sharp at Central Police Station Compound.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Equipment.—All men who have not yet returned the old belts and holsters are requested to send them to the office of the O. I/c Company as soon as possible.

(Sgd.) L. H. C. Calthrop, A.S.P.

Adjutant.

Hongkong, March 6, 1928.

GOODWILL MESSAGES.

TELEGRAMS BETWEEN
CANTON & HONGKONG.

The following telegrams have been exchanged between Marshal Li Chai-sum and Sir Shouson Chow, Dr. Kotewall and others:

Sir Shouson Chow, Dr. Kotewall and friends. Upon my visit to Hongkong you deigned to honour me with a reception. This token of strong friendship and generous goodwill has filled me with deep gratitude. I send this telegraphic message as an inadequate expression of my thanks and sentiments.

Li Chai-sum.

The Reply.

Marshal Li. Your ceremonial visit to Hongkong has afforded us an opportunity of hearing personally your Excellency's views which, expressed as they were in such a frank and friendly manner, satisfied the three-year thirty yearling of the Chinese in Hongkong, and have excited in us profound admiration. We very much appreciate your gracious message. Shouson Chow, Kotewall and others.

Merchants Invited.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce has received a telegram from Marshal Li Chai-sum, inviting Li Yau-tsun, Chairman of the Chamber and other members of the body to go to Canton this week-end during the visit of H. E. Sir Cecil Clementi.

In his telegram Marshal Li Chai-sum also thanked the members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for the cordiality and hospitality which they showed toward the Party of Canton officials who came down here last week.

In conclusion, Marshal Li declared that since many of the outstanding trade and industrial problems of Canton need the assistance of the Hongkong merchants for their solution it is his earnest desire that members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce should attend the banquet to be given.

It is understood that eight or ten of the members will go to Canton on Thursday.



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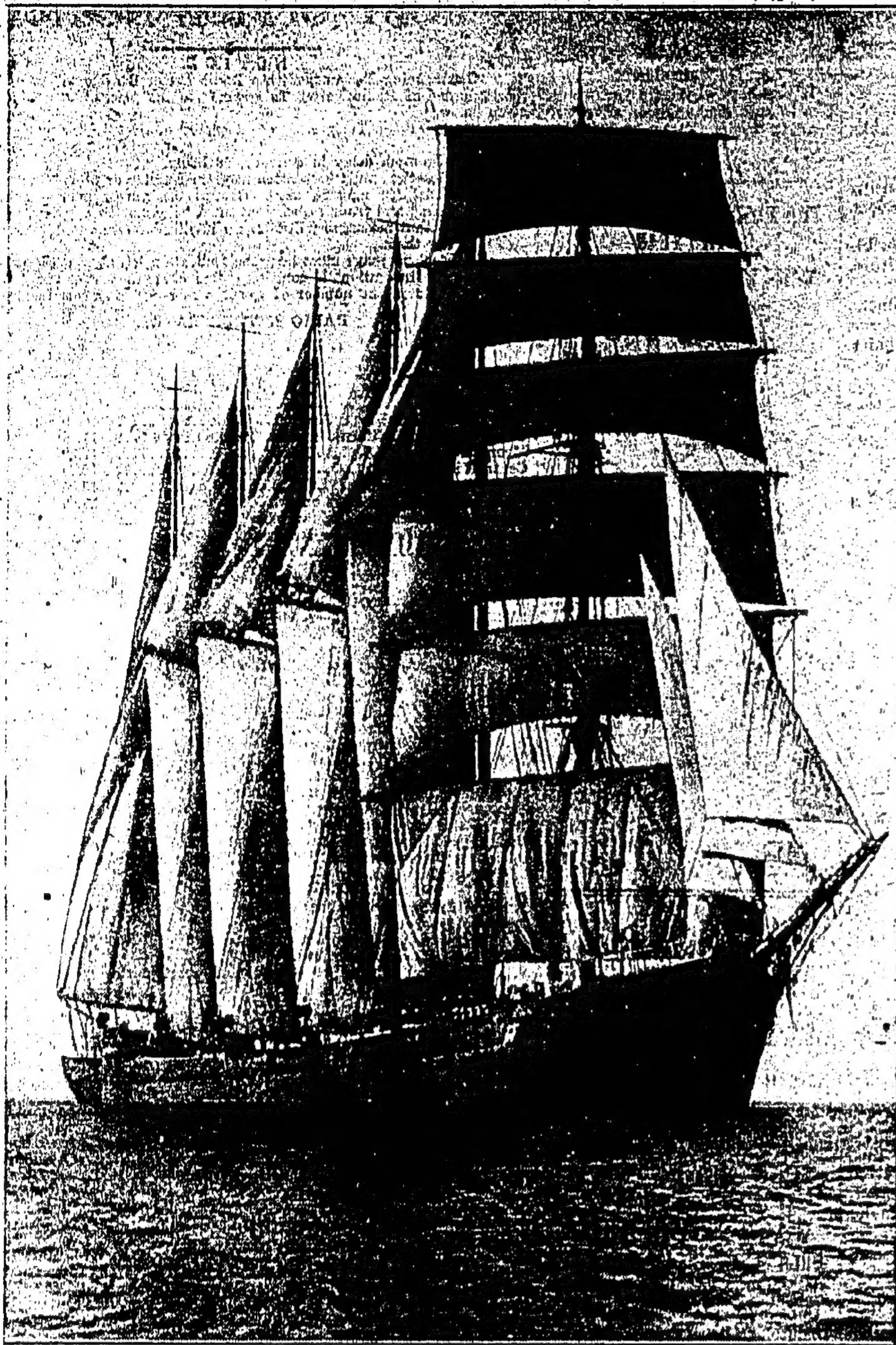
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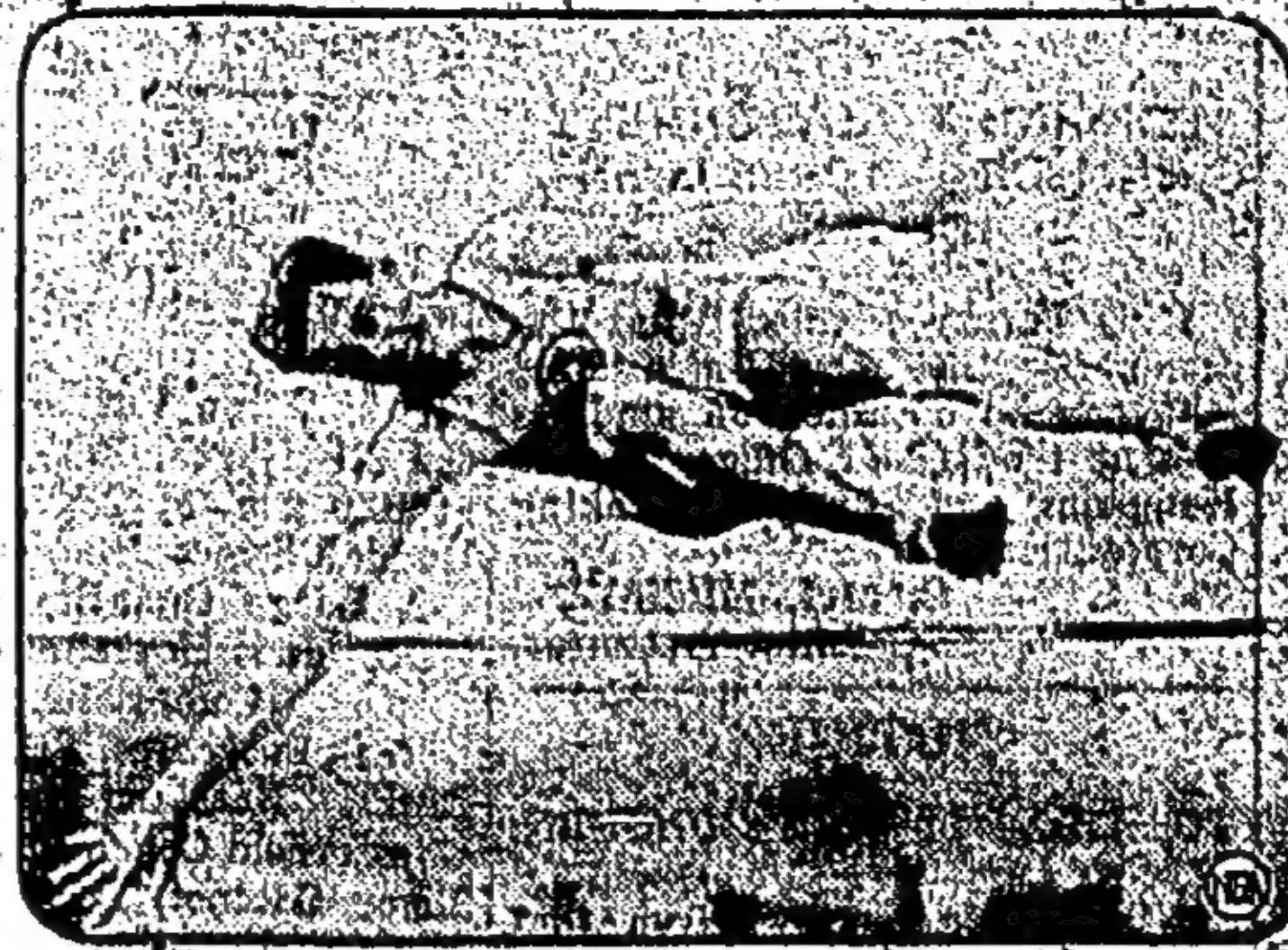
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The six-masted barquentine E. R. Sterling in all the beauty of her white sails before she had passed through the adventures of her recent voyage from Australia. Gales and contrary winds caused her to be so badly damaged and forced out of her course that the voyage took nine months. (Times copyright).



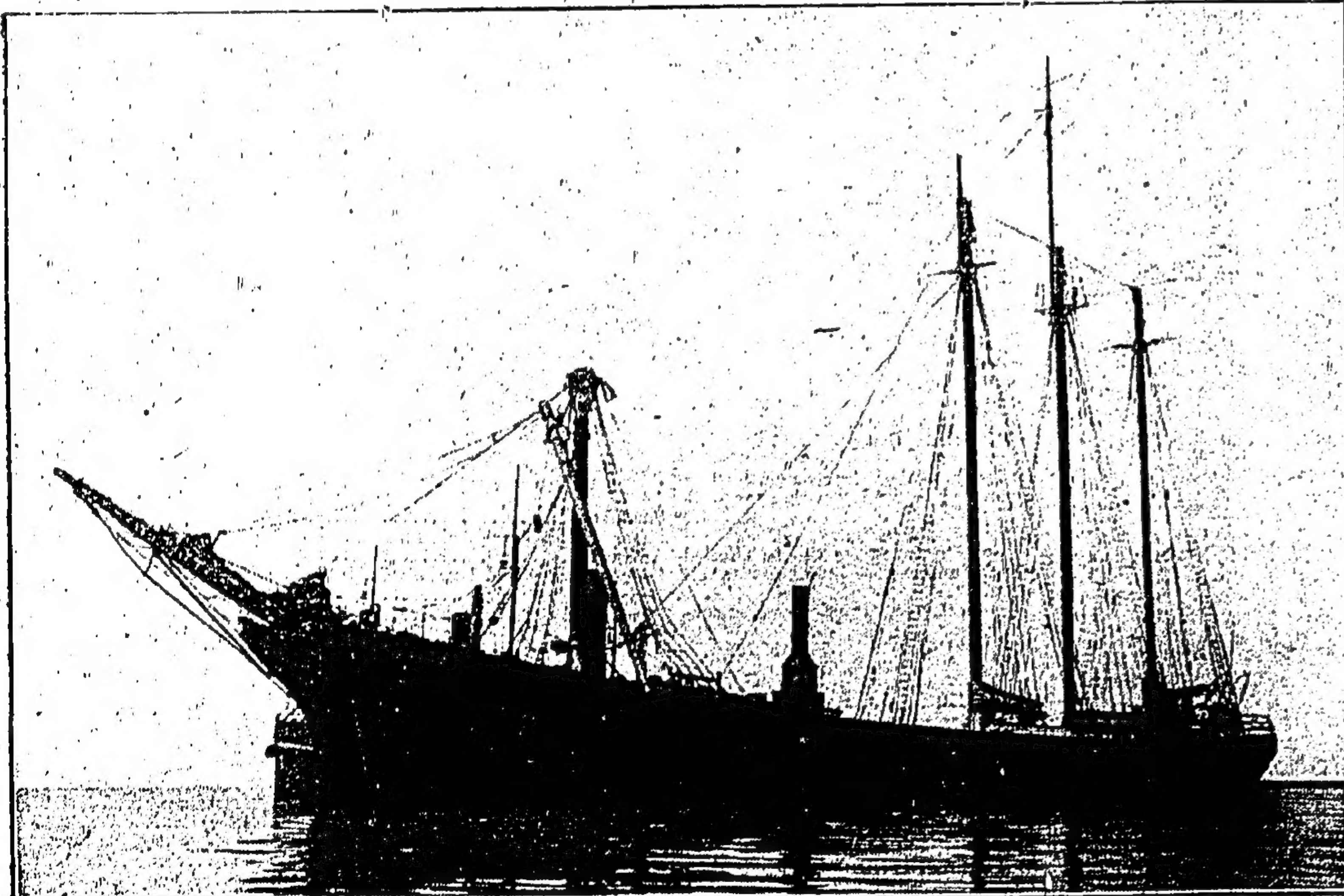
Russell Smith, a new candidate for Olympic high jump honours is seen above taking a jump of 6 feet 3 inches with graceful ease.



Mr. K. E. Lee Guinness and Miss Josephine Strangman, were married at St. Margaret's, Westminster. (Times copyright).



Lord Jellicoe laying the foundation stone of the Drummond-crescent block of flats, being erected by the Magdalen College Mission. (Times copyright).



The basquentine moored in The Thames at her journey's end with only three of her masts intact. During a hurricane off the Cape Verd Islands, Mr. Roderick Mackenzie received fatal injuries. (Times copyright).



Dinner given at the Plaza Hotel Shanghai prior to the sailing for home of Mr. W. S. Harvie, by Shanghai Hockey Players, past and present. Mr. Harvie was presented with a memento in recognition of his services to hockey during his residence in Shanghai.



Miss Pearl Smiddy, daughter of Dr. Timothy A. Smiddy, Irish Minister to Washington is who engaged to Major Alfonso Reyes, of the Spanish army.



Charles Sidney Garrison, a U. S. Marine, reported dead in Nicaragua since July last, suddenly appeared at his home recently. His arm was permanently injured by machine-gun bullets.

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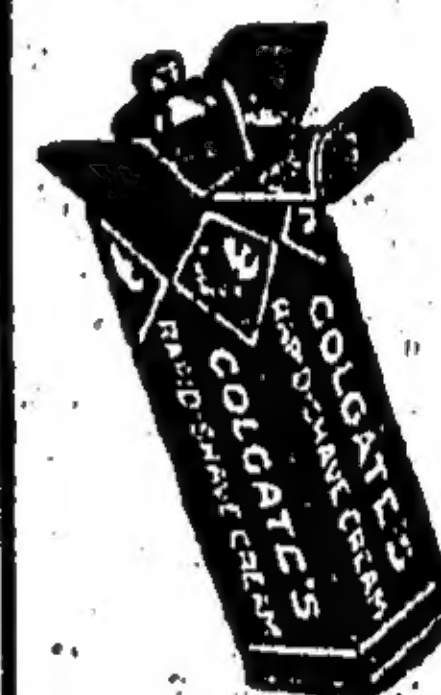
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at P. and O. Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, at 12.10 o'clock in the afternoon, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of March, 1928, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing, the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

"That the capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$3,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 300,000 shares of \$10 each to \$6,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, on MONDAY, the SECOND DAY of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on MONDAY, the SECOND DAY of April, 1928, at 12.40 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:—

1. "That the Directors be, and they are hereby authorised, to capitalise the sum of \$1,500,000 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1928, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1928."

2. "That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share, the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share may, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up the share."

Dated the 3rd day of March, 1928.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,
GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 20th March, 1928, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 14th to the 20th March, 1928, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. M. DYER,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1928.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

REVISED DATES OF EXTRA MEETINGS 1928.

17th March.
7th and 9th April.
5th May.
26th and 28th May.
6th and 8th October.
10th November.
1st December.

By Order,

C. H. BROWN,

Secretary.

G. R.

HONGKONG GOVERNMENT 5% PUBLIC WORKS LOAN OF 1927.

It is hereby notified that the bonds for the above mentioned loan can be obtained on application at the Chief Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

C. McI. MESSER,

Colonial Treasurer.

NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE is hereby given that ANDREW HARPER & SON have ceased to be the authorized dealers of this Company for Hongkong and South China as from the 26th day of January, 1928.

FORD MOTOR CO.

NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE is hereby given that WALLACE HARPER & CO., LTD. have been appointed our authorized dealers for Hongkong and South China as from the 1st day of February, 1928.

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THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Under- signed on Monday, the 26th March, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers,

The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1928.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on Thursday, the 22nd March, 1928, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday 12th March, 1928, until Thursday 22nd March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong 1st March, 1928.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

The 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 21st day of March, 1928, at noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday the 13th March, 1928, until Wednesday, the 21st March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1928.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-Ninth Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on Friday, 16th March, 1928, at 12 noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for 31st December, 1927, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 3rd March, 1928 to 16th March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON AND CO., LTD.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 24th, Feb., 1928.

LAMBERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on FRIDAY, the 9th March, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street

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Brass, Iron and Teak Bedsteads with Mattresses, Wardrobes with and without Mirror, Dressing Tables, Chests of Drawers, Washstands, Toilet Sets, Side Tables, Chamber Stands, etc., etc.,

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LAMBERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, Mar. 5, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from The Registrar, Supreme Court, to sell by Public Auction

on SATURDAY, the 10th March, 1928, commencing at 10 o'clock a.m. on the premises.

The Goods and Chattels of Mrs. F. K. Cameron of No. 13, Queen's Road, Central, St. Francis Hotel, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Floors, all that space on the ground floor known as the Lobby and a portion of the ground floor of the Right Wing of the Ho Hong Bank Building together with the servants' quarters at the back thereof.

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On view on Day of Sale.

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LAMBERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 6, 1928.

DENISON RAM & GIBBS.

Mr. L. Gibbs will retire from this firm on 31st March, 1928, and will have no responsibility for any work done by the firm after that date.

The business will be carried on under the name of DENISON RAM & GIBBS by Mr. E. F. R. Sample.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that from March 1st, 1928, the appointed attorney of Compagnie OPTORG shall be in Shanghai, 39, Avenue Edouard VII. The Hongkong business of the Company is in the hands of their Agent IP HANG FONG, in the former office, Prince's Building, 3rd floor.

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SUNDAY, 11th MARCH 1928.

FIRST RACE 1 p.m. SHARP.

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SUI AN Leaves Hongkong 8 a.m.

Returning from Macao 4 p.m.

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Returning from Macao 5.30 p.m.

By order.

S. W. Cheng, Secretary.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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From AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG, BREMEN and GENOA.

The Steamship, "SALABANGKA"

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., when and/or from the warehouse delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 13th March, 1928, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th March, 1928, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, Hongkong.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,

General Agents.

Hongkong, Mar. 5, 1928.

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CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Consignees per Company's Steamer, "CALCUTTA"

From UNITED KINGDOM via SINGAPORE.

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Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th March, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 27th March or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1928.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

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Commencing February 24th a Radio Letter Service will be opened for the exchange of Radio Letter Telegrams, to the places, and at the rates, given below.

Radio Letter Telegrams are accepted subject to the following conditions:—

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Central States U.S.	13.00	.65
Eastern States U.S.	12.20	.61
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APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO
NEW HOME.

In connexion with the project of erecting a new Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, to take the place of the existing building in Arsenal Street (which is shortly to be demolished), an appeal has just been issued to the public for funds.

It is felt that the new Home, which is to be situated on the Praya, must be worthy of the Colony in appearance and structure and its equipment thoroughly up-to-date. In spite of the generosity of the Hongkong Government, which is most gratefully acknowledged, such a scheme cannot be carried into effect without a very large additional expenditure. The Home has no endowments, no reserve funds, and receives no Government grants, but realizing the enormous benefit to the Colony of the services of His Majesty's Forces, the Committee is confident of the liberal support of the public, and in this faith has ventured upon providing an institution that will be a credit to the Colony and of real service to the men to whom the Empire owes so much.

Much thought and exhaustive enquiry, combined with high architectural skill and attention, have contributed to the design of an edifice to which, it is felt, the Colony will in future point with pride as one of its important public buildings. The Home is to be open to all Service Men without distinction of rank or creed. Its motto is "Service for Service Men" without enquiry as to anything except how that service can best be rendered.

The public can help to render this service by giving a donation or becoming annual subscribers;

EARL BEATTY'S FILM.

TEN MINUTES' TALK ON
DISARMAMENT.

Admiral of the Fleet Earl Beatty paid a visit to the Phonofilm Studios at Clapham, recently, where he spoke before the microphone for ten minutes on "Disarmament." The result was re-venued at a private showing later.

Earl Beatty, in mufli, stood at a table, and, unlike the Earl of Birkenhead in similar circumstances, quite openly consulted a manuscript. The speech is given impressively and earnestly and with the utmost clearness.

Earl Beatty emphasises on the one hand the desirability of a "universal reduction of armaments," but on the other the folly of "playing fast and loose with the security of the Empire by ill-timed and premature action."

The "phonofilm" is to be "re-leased" universally and immediately.

Paris, Feb. 3.—A three-footed duck was on sale yesterday at the poultry section of Les Halles, the Paris central market. Despite its abnormality it was plump and of good size. It was not left long without a purchaser.

or, either alone or in conjunction with others, to honour the memory of a friend; give some definite item of equipment to the Home, or better still, give a memorial bedroom. A tablet affixed to the door will bear particulars of the dedication. Rooms can be named after ships, regiments, or individuals. Any sum, however small or large, will be gratefully received. Cheques should be made payable to the W. M. M. T. A. New Sailors' and Soldiers' Home account (crossed & Co.) and may be sent direct to Mr. William H. Smith, the Manager of the Home.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Lady's Luck.

WOMEN MORE SUPER-
STITIOUS THAN MEN.

There is little doubt that "luck" and how to woo it is more considered by my lady than by my lord, and one wonders why!

Of course where such things as racing or gaming are concerned a man will own to a quite robust faith in omens and queerly-sounding names and oddly coincident numbers; but he usually is, or professes to be, immune from the more stereotyped superstitions.

At this point someone is sure to say crossly—"He's nothing of the kind. I know a man whose appetite is ruined if he finds himself one of a dinner-party of thirteen." Yes, I know a man like that too. And another whose outlook is darkened by more than tobacco smoke if his cigarette happens to have been the third lit from a single match. But I really don't think males like these are very numerous.

It is woman whose view of the future is suddenly altered for the worse when an accident happens to one of her numerous mirrors.

It was at a woman's bridge party the other day that a guest sat on her handkerchief with good results. One of her opponents then produced two scraps of linen from her pocket, and stuffed them hopelessly under her person. But the goddess of luck frowned on such a flagrant infringement of patent, and continued to favour the original patentee. At the end of the game the losing lady remarked—"Well, it wasn't your handkerchief that made you win, for I had two to your one." "Excuse me," said the other, "I found two more in my bag." She rose, and on her chair, much crumpled (for she was a "buxom dame") lay three wisps of lace and lawn.

It was a woman who, having a ticket in the first English lottery—which, by the way, began almost four hundred years ago—had her success prayed for in her parish church the Sunday before the drawing. One gathers that she did not confide very fully in the presiding clergyman, whose petition was in this wise—"The prayers of this congregation are desired for the success of a person engaged in a new undertaking!"

Altogether one is forced to the conclusion that it was chiefly women the old poet had in mind when he wrote with so superior an air:—

"If that their noses bleed some certain drops,
And then again upon the sudden stop;
Or if the bawling fool we call a jay,
A squirrel, or a hare, but cross the way;
Or if the salt fall towards them at table,
Or any such like superstitious babble,
Their mirth is spoiled." Ez.

Dreams.

The foolish little dream
I dreamed
Was but a tinkled toy—
Life shattered it
To make me seek
A richer, deeper joy.
And I have lived to bless
The hour
That brought me tears and rue.
Life bade me dream
A greater dream,
And lo! the dream came true.
JOHN RICHARD MORELAND.

A Matrimonial
Test.THE BEST AND WORST
HUSBANDS.

I wonder if many British women would apply the matrimonial test suggested by Dr. Benjamin R. Andrews, of the Columbia University, in quite the same way as he meant it to be applied.

"Every prospective bride," he states, "should put her husband to a simple test which will afford her a picture of his character, by saying unexpectedly, 'I think I'll go on working after marriage.'"

"If the prospective husband says 'All right,' the girl may be sure she has a prize. But if he says 'Woman's place is in the home,' she

Longer Skirts.

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YORK.

We really are going to need more material for our dresses, especially the indoor variety, because the longer ones are certainly gaining favour. The charming mauve georgette gown which the Duchess of York wore at the Plaza the other evening was the length that many American women affect, and reached her ankles at either side, being only a little shorter back and front.

The Duchess's Colifore, keeps to the superlatively neat, close-to-the-head hair-dressing which women almost inevitably follow if they are not shingled.

Princess Arthur of Connaught has a charming shingle, soft,

The Silk Suit Vogue.



A red Canton silk coat and red chiffon collar and stripes on a cream blouse emphasize the upper part of the three-piece suit at the right; above, an ensemble of lemon and orange-amber Rajah silk.

has uncovered a weakness in his character."

There is no doubt, I think, about the weakness of the woman's place-in-the-home reply, and any girl who elicited it would have reason to be thankful that she had found out in time that the man she had been preparing to marry held views about women which would gradually deprive her of all initiative and ambition.

But would it be safe to conclude that all the men who agreed with alacrity to their fiancée's proposal to work for a salary after marriage were prizes?

Is there no possibility that some of them might be only too glad to shift some of the responsibility of earning enough money for the home to other shoulders?

The truth is that you could easily find the best and the worst husbands

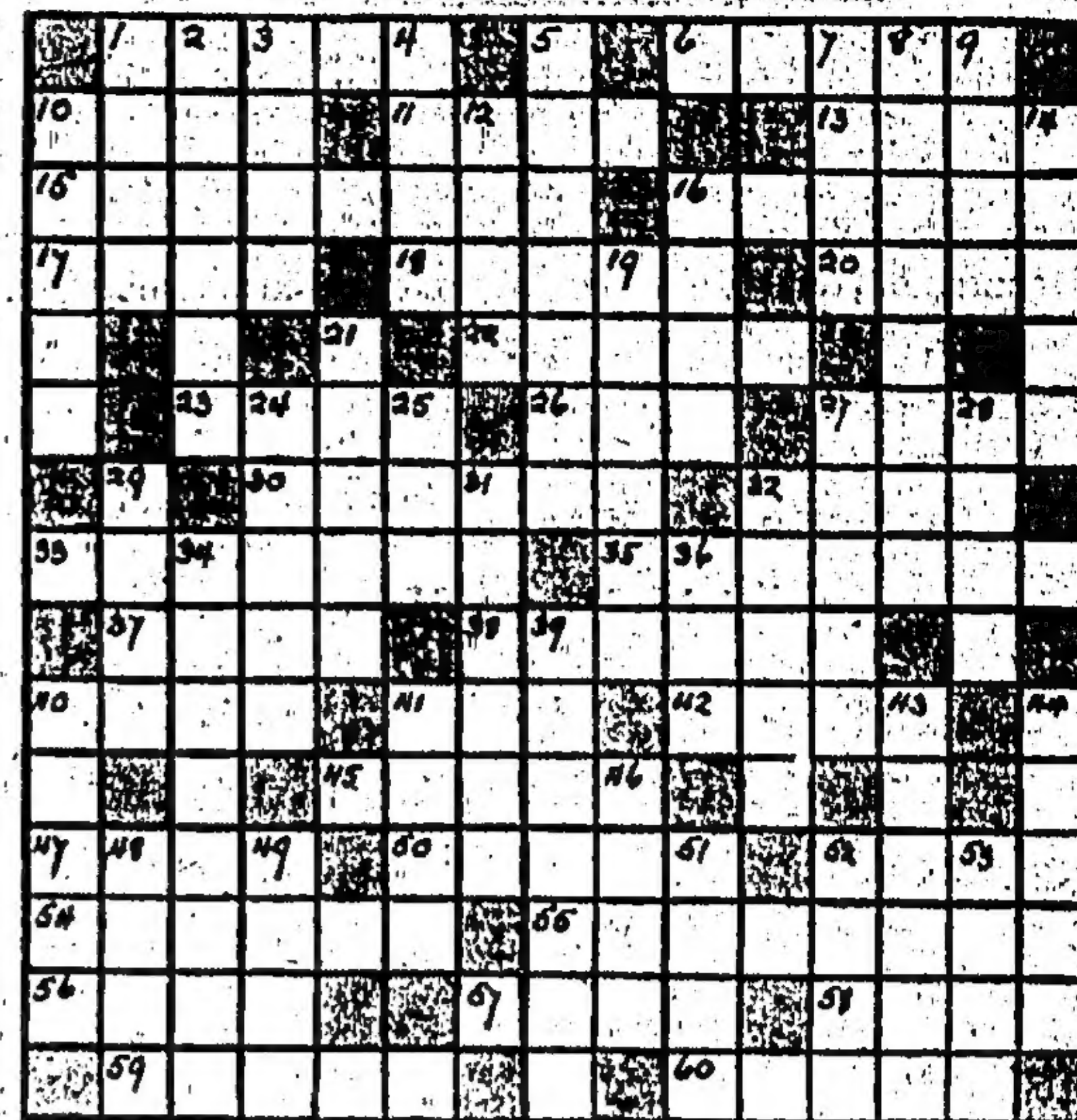
feminine, not too close cut at the back, and the set of the wave not too pronounced or artificial-looking.

An Interesting Stage Frock.

Miss Nora Swinburne's evening frock which she wears aboard the dahabieh in "Regatta" is almost ankle-length. The skirt consists of three bands of gold tissue of graduated width and three bands of georgette of the same colour, the corsage being to correspond. A particular note of interest lies in the belt of topazes and a necklace of the same stones.

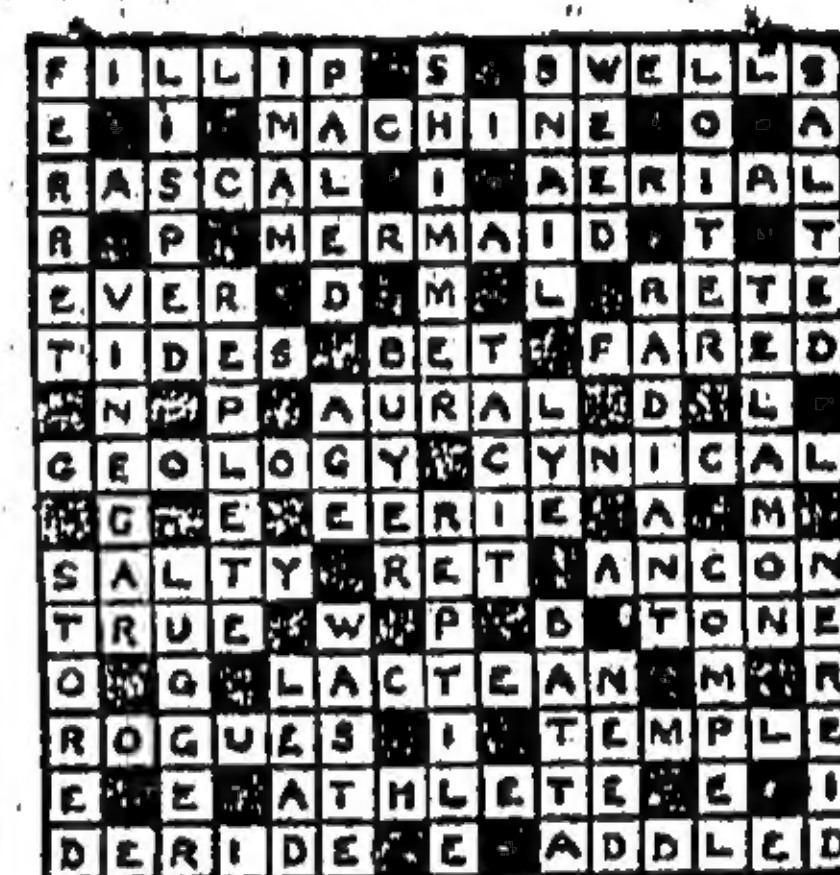
In this class—those who were broad-minded enough to see that a woman must develop along lines chosen by herself, but also those who were not strong enough to want to play the part usually allotted to the man. H. M.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.
- Expression of contempt.
 - Inferior wheat.
 - Bristle.
 - Smooth flooring.
 - Partaining to us.
 - Prolong.
 - Rivulet.
 - Equal.
 - Round vegetables.
 - Sleeve hole.
 - Foolish.
 - Extinct bird of Mauritius.
 - Prostrate.
 - Exploit.
 - Strong.
 - Implement.
 - Freshwater tortoise.
 - Everlasting.
 - Paving stone.
 - Challenging.
 - Stockings.
 - Obscure.
 - Peep.
 - Spanish horse.
 - High mountains.
 - Weird.
 - Broad.
 - Uttered reproaches.
 - Wind-instrument.
 - Sand hill.
 - Sediment.
 - Transparent substance.
 - Intricate.
 - Palm-wine.
- Down.
- Spiritual being.
 - Supplied a fire with fuel.
 - Delect.
 - Fold.
 - Devolves.
 - Agas.
 - Slight repast.
 - Three-in cards.
 - Spreading out.
 - Froze.
 - Rain and snow.
 - Trust.
 - One who slates buildings.
 - Take into one's family.
 - Deliver a speech.
 - African sorcery.
 - Smithy.
 - Exclamation of sorrow.
 - Spanish-American dollar.
 - Female water-spirit.
 - Doctrine.
 - Lying on the back.
 - Tap.
 - Fined.
 - Listened to.
 - Action.
 - Poured down abundantly.
 - Authors of poems.
 - Thin slab.
 - Extol.
 - Sledge.
 - Opposite from west.
 - Savage.
 - Contradict.

Yesterday's Puzzle.

GERMAN GIRL'S
"VISION."FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN
STIGMATA CASE.

Berlin, Feb. 6.
Therese Neumann, the stigmata subject, of Konnersreuth, who for many months has provided ecclesiastics, doctors, the Press, and the public with endless material for discussion, has just caused new excitement. It has been discovered that the accustomed bleeding of her wounds on Fridays has ceased since Christmas.

She is understood to have heard a "voice" which announced this impending change in her state during the Nativity festival.

This discovery was accompanied by premature reports to the effect that she was so far restored to health as to be able to participate usefully in the domestic work of her parent's house.

On further investigation, however, it is learned that she is still only able to stretch out one hand easily, and continues to exist, as she has done for long past, without any form of nourishment. She also remains subject to religious ecstasy, if it is true, as the Munich papers state, that she has recently had numerous visions of scenes from Biblical history.

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- 4696 (Red Lips Kiss My Blues Hello Cutie)
- 4711 (Charmaine C'est Vous)
- 4659 (Hallelujah Gonna Get a Girl)
- 4715 (Me and My Shadow In a Street)
- 4645 (Aint She Sweet Dreaming of Brown Eyes)
- 4716 (Here am I Broken-hearted Magalola)
- 0179 (Girl Friend Blue Room)
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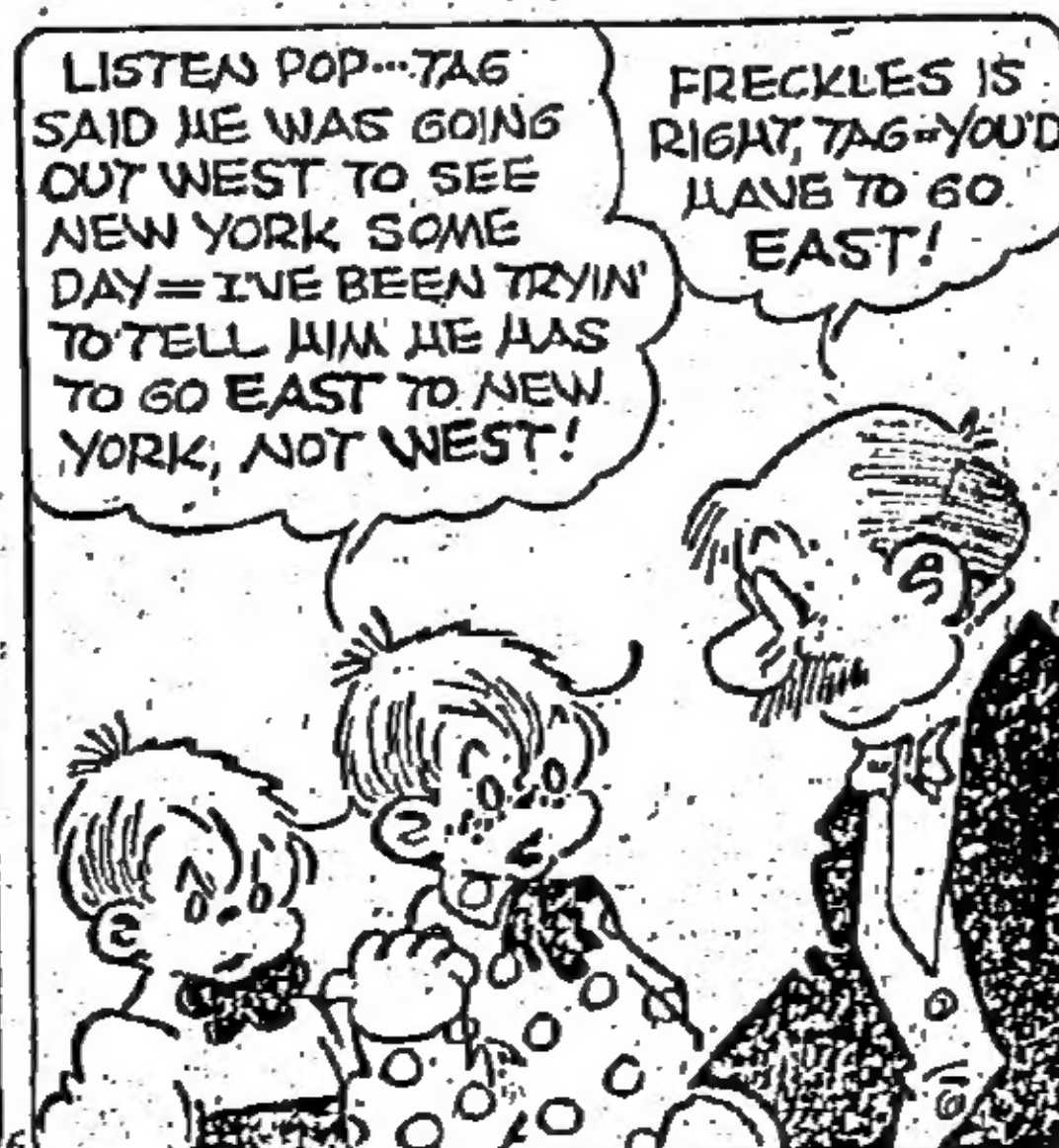
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AMERICA'S OVERSEAS PROBLEMS.

The new Governor-General of the Philippines delivered himself of some weighty and extremely opposite remarks on the occasion of his inauguration in Manila, as will have been observed by the extracts from his speech which we reprinted yesterday. He did not deal with the issue of Independence, save for a few passing references, in one of which he stated that it is the doctrine of trust responsibility which underlies American sovereignty in the islands. Making mention of the progress of education, Mr. Stimson took the opportunity of acknowledging its instrumentality in the direction of helping the Filipinos to achieve a national consciousness and a common language, but on the political issues associated with the Independence campaign he said nothing. He did indeed remark that in laying hold of instruction, the Filipinos were taking a long step forward on what President Roosevelt once called "the stony and difficult path which leads to self-government," but that would hardly be likely to satisfy those political leaders who were hoping for some definite pronouncement on the vital issue of complete independence.

The burden of Mr. Stimson's oration was the desirability and necessity of the economic development of the Philippine Islands. He was stating the truth when he asserted that far more attention has been concentrated upon politics than on industrial development by the Filipinos, with the result that progress in the latter field has not kept pace with the exceptional advances made in education and public affairs. And, as the new Governor-General said, serious application to industrial expansion would be of the greatest benefit to the Philippines, with the large measure of American backing which is available. The islands have certainly not been developed to nearly the extent that they could be in this regard, and we have no doubt that this fact is in part explained by the mistaken conception held by so many of the people that industrialism means interference with their liberties. Mr. Stimson had some pointed observations to make on that particular issue. However, we imagine that the new Governor-General will find it a difficult task to convince the Filipino political leaders that they could not be better situated than

under American rule. We ourselves have no doubt that the United States is doing a fine work in the Philippines and that the liberties and rights of the people are being protected and preserved. But political malcontents take small heed of these things. Our own experience in India has proved that.

The United States, however, occupies a rather peculiar position in regard to what are known as its territorial possessions, which are not regarded as being colonies, though the average Britisher finds it difficult to distinguish the difference. Despite America's high motives, there is a deal of dissatisfaction in most of these territories. The Virgin Islands want civil instead of naval government, so do Guam and Samoa; the Philippines ask for independence; Alaska seeks Statehood; and Porto Rico wants self-government. Such are some of the ambitions of people under American rule. In course of time, they will most likely be realised, but that time is evidently not yet.

The Cotton Rupture.

A charge of lack of sincerity has been laid against the employers by the Lancashire cotton operatives, and the quibble denying the advantage of an independent chairman, and the necessity for the assistance of outside professional men, will import a bitterness into the controversy which might easily have been avoided. A complete rupture over the terms of reference of a self-examination rather points to a reluctance on the part of the employers to have the matter so thoroughly investigated as they had led the operatives to suppose was their desire. We are not prepared to argue that one side or the other is justified in its present attitude, but it is deplorable that the earnestness of the employers is not better manifested than in an uncompromising refusal to consider the operatives' point of view. A breakdown on what is after all quite a minor issue in a serious situation suggests a lack of bona fides somewhere, and there is room for considerable criticism of the employers in this respect. It is just as much to their interests as to those of the operatives that the matter should be probed fully; instead, they threatened at one time to come to blows with the operatives on the question of organised short-time. If Lancashire's greatest industry is to hope for restoration to its former power in the world, for the easy supremacy which enabled her to make great profits in the past, a vigorous effort has necessarily to be made to get out of the conglomeration of localisation which grew up undisturbed in the Nineteenth Century, and a real effort be made towards co-ordination. Lancashire must be audacious; not as in the past in over-capitalisation, but cutting her losses where necessary. The right lines can be ascertained only by a thorough investigation, and we can see some of Lancashire's inherent common-sense manifested in the suggestion that outside professional men might bring new pointers to bear on the situation. At the moment, our sympathies are with the operatives.

The Cinema and the Press.

We are rather surprised to discover a local club debating seriously the question of whether the cinema exerts a greater influence than the Press. It had always been our impression that the foremost function of the cinema was to amuse and the main purpose of the newspaper to inform the public on current happenings. A film is essentially a work of fiction; and the newspaper, a record of the events of the day. How the two can logically be brought into line for the purposes of an argument is a little beyond our comprehension. The cinema, speaking generally, makes no attempt to influence the public; with the newspaper, the guidance of public opinion is only one of its roles. Inasmuch as anything and everything heard, seen or done has a measure of influence on the individual, we must agree that the cinema, without claiming or desiring to do so, enjoys a sphere of influence, but that influence is purely aesthetic, and varies according to the receptiveness of the spectator. Much the same applies to a newspaper, but along entirely different lines. A political crisis in Egypt, the growing feeling of goodwill by Canton towards Great Britain, are scarcely calculated to cause a flutter in potted sewing circles, or cause the flapper to indulge in further frivolity. Both items would prove of interest to the thinking man, but the symptoms would not imply

DAY BY DAY.

A GOOD PRINCIPAL GETS MORE HAND KNOCKS THAN A POOR ONE.—Prof. Harris Bickford.

The P. and O. s.s. Khiva, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

Those taking part in to-morrow's musicale at the Helena May Institute will be Mrs. Sanger, Mrs. Aubrey, Miss Elizabeth Dunbar, Mr. A. M. Bowes Smith and Mr. John Braga.

The ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. will be held at the office of the Company, Queen's Building, on Tuesday, March 20, at noon.

The annual inspection of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, which was postponed yesterday, will not, as was hoped, take place this evening. By reason of the inclement weather, the function is now postponed *ad infinitum*.

The officers of H.M.S. Royal Fleet Auxiliaries Beagle, Portol, Franco, Ruthenia and Khaki were hosts at a dinner dance at Lane, Crawford's on Monday night. A very enjoyable evening was spent; the affair, the first of its kind, being a decided success.

Special excursions are being run to Macao on Sunday in connection with the Macao Races. The s.s. Sui An leaves here at 8 a.m., returning from Macao at 4 p.m., and the s.s. Taishan leaves here at 9 a.m. and returns from Macao at 5.30 p.m.

A Chinese worker of the M. Y. San Co. Factory in Wanchai had four of his fingers severed by a machine following an accident, which occurred at the factory yesterday. The matter was reported to the No. 2 Police Station and the man was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital in a serious condition.

Whilst some heavy machinery was being moved to a junk from the s.s. Savastan, the sling on which the machinery was suspended gave way. A coolie who was working on the steamer at the time was seriously injured, receiving wounds to his head and body. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO CANTON.

ELABORATE ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE.

Elaborate arrangements are being made in Canton to welcome H. E. the Governor of Hongkong and party on their official visit to the city. Yesterday, at Marshal Li Chai-sum's headquarters, a special committee of more than twenty members was chosen to make all the necessary preparations in connection with the visit.

In various districts, the British and Chinese Nationalist flags are to be jointly displayed, instructions to this effect having been given, and certain streets especially marked out for decoration purposes.

CANTON ANTI-BANDIT SCHEME.

MARSHAL LI CALLS BIG MEETING.

Almost immediately after his return from Hongkong, Marshal Li Chai-sum held a big military meeting at his Headquarters to discuss the proposed big anti-bandit scheme. Those present included Generals Chan Ming-shu, Wang Shao-hung, Tang Yin-wah and Chu Ching-tang, Mr. Feng Cho-man and Admiral Chan Chan.

It was resolved that, as much ammunition will be needed in the operations against the bandits, the Canton Arsenal, on the northern suburb, should be amalgamated with the big Arsenal at Shekchong. It is thought that if these two arsenals are placed under one management, the output will be greatly increased.

unnecessary influence by the journal concerned. We would not attempt to deny that we see an inkling of what the organisers of the debate were endeavouring to drive at, but we do not seek to carry out their difficult task. Our chief complaint, if it can come within that category, is that the resolution was hopelessly ambiguous in that no indication of any differentiation in the type of influence, good, bad or indifferent, was made, while the two factors concerned meet at points too few for the development of a consistent discussion. Debates are to be encouraged; we do not doubt the usefulness of their sphere of influence; but we would suggest that more careful consideration be given to the selection of topics.

Y.M.C.A. MATTERS.

FAREWELL DINNER TO MR. J. L. McPHERSON.

Among the farewell events in honour of Mr. J. L. McPherson who left for England to-day, via Canada, was a dinner given by the Board of Directors of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. on Saturday night.

The Vice-President, Dr. Chau Wai-cheung, expressed appreciation of the great service given by Mr. McPherson from his arrival in 1905 until the present day. Then the Chinese Y. M. C. A. had no more than a hundred members; now it has more than 2,000. Then it had no property; now it has a men's building and a boys' building, each well-equipped, a recreation ground, and a lot recently purchased in Kowloon, for a branch, to be erected next year. Mr. McPherson, he said, had helped to secure all these properties and had consistently aimed to develop Chinese leadership in the organization.

Responding, Mr. McPherson said that his periods of absence had been times of great material progress in the Hongkong Y.M.C.A. When he had his first furlough in 1911, the student building was erected. He returned just in time for its opening. During his second absence in 1917, the men's building on Bridges Street was put up. That too was opened on his return. In 1923, while he was on leave the construction of the European Y.M.C.A. in Kowloon was carried on and opened after his return. Now during his fourth absence from the Colony he hoped the Kowloon branch would be commenced and be completed next year.

Previous Secretaries.

During this period from 1905 to 1928, Mr. McPherson has been the senior of the honorary secretaries. He was preceded only by Messrs. W. J. Southam and C. C. Rutledge. Later came Messrs. F. M. Mohler, R. F. Rope, F. S. Cuckow, R. L. Moeller, A. E. Dome and J. H. Geldart.

During Mr. McPherson's absence, his place will be taken by Mr. H. A. Wilbur, from Shanghai, who has been sent by the general organization at the request of the local Board of Directors.

In the same period there have been among the Chinese General Secretaries of the organization Dr. T. P. Wu, Mr. Ho Lei-son, Mr. Hoh Shu-lau, and the present secretary, Mr. Y. H. Tano. The latter, after leaving Queen's College, did Y. M. C. A. work in Canton and in Yunnan. He then continued his studies in Yale University and in Oxford, returning last year to the post which he now occupies.

Health Week.

During this week, the annual health campaign of the Y. M. C. A. is in progress. The Bridges Street building is hung with a display of unique health charts, depicting the causes of prevalent diseases. There are nightly lectures in the auditorium by physicians of the Colony. Physical examinations are given daily in the gymnasium and free vaccination is being secured by hundreds.

This "Health Week" is to be followed toward the end of this month by the campaign for membership and contributions, an annual event that is carried through with enthusiasm by an organization of twelve teams that make the work of the Y. M. C. A. known throughout the Colony.

Mr. McPherson has been assured of a warm welcome on his return at about the end of the year.

YET MORE RAIN.

The Royal Observatory weather report states that the anti-cyclone central to the west of Vladivostok. The depression over Tongking is unchanged. Moderate monsoon may be expected along the South-east coast of China and over the Northern portion of the North China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is—East winds, moderate; overcast, rain.

The Observatory report shows that 2.81 inches of rain were recorded for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Mar. 6.	
Paris	124
Brussels	85
Amsterdam	12.12 1/2
Berlin	20.41
Copenhagen	18.21
Vienna	34.625
Helsingfors	123 1/4
Lisbon	217 1/4
Bucharest	705 1/2
Buenos Aires	47.21 1/2
Shanghai	2/6 1/2
Yokohama	111 1/16
New York	4.87 29/32
Geneva	25.34
Milan	82.45
Stockholm	18.17
Oslo	15.32
Prague	164
Madrid	20.08
Athens	368 1/4
Rio	5.69/64
Bombay	Holiday
Hongkong	2/0 1/2
Silver (spot)	25.8/16
Silver (forward)	26 1/2

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

Drivers of buses are instructed not to enter into conversation with passengers, but there are some passengers who never seem to see the notice to that effect and chatter away merrily until forced into a "peevish" silence by the lack of response from the man at the wheel.

An elderly lady recently climbed on to a bus, sat down beside the driver, and commenced an oration on—accidents.

"And have you ever been involved in a bus accident?" she demanded after a five-minute speech. "Yes, madame," answered the driver. "And the horrible details are these. I was driving a bus near the edge of a cliff, and over we went, hurtling down thousands of feet into a rocky chasm. Half the passengers were killed—cut-right and the rest were terribly injured, dying before they could be rescued. Only one man was saved and that man was—me."

The old lady gasped. "What happened? How did you get over the cliff?"

"I was not attending to—the wheel, madame, owing to a passenger persistently talking to me."

Old Mother Hubbard once ransacked her cupboard, and then uttered words of dejection.

For her nieces and daughters had raided the quarters And taken her schoolgirl complexion.

An amusing explanation is given of a strange interjection that crept into a sermon broadcast from Notre Dame. The preacher, a popular priest, was in the habit of learning his sermons by heart; but not trusting entirely to memory, he arranged with a verger to follow the discourse with his manuscript from a place of concealment behind the pulpit and to prompt him if that should become necessary.

He had gone on well with the sermon, faithfully followed by the verger, but as luck would have it, just as he required the prompter's services the latter, by mistake, turned over two pages and gave the wrong cue. The embarrassed preacher, exasperated by the mishap, hissed down to the luckless verger, "Silly ass!"

The exclamation was unheard by the congregation in Notre Dame, but, having been uttered close to the microphone on the pulpit desk, was faithfully carried to the ears of the much larger congregation who were listening to the discourse at their own fire-sides.

The priest was greatly shocked when, the next day, one of his parishioners, who had listened in, asked him—"Father, who was the scoundrel who called out, 'Silly ass!' in the middle of one of the most beautiful passages of your sermon yesterday?" The preacher's answer is not recorded.

Mr. W. B. Luke, a Willemsden magistrate, to a husband: "How came this decent young woman to marry you? What witchery have you that is not generally apparent?" North London navy: I cannot make money because I cannot make the weather.

Willemsden mother: My son has been a great invalid with demonia. Derbyshire witness: Women when shopping lose all sense of the passing of time.

An Irishman and a Scotsman were passing a large Catholic cathedral in Montreal. The Irishman, being a good Catholic, took off his hat when they were passing. Sandy did the same.

After they had passed the Irishman said to Sandy—"I did not know that you were a Catholic. I thought you were a Presbyterian. I was glad to see you take off your hat when you passed the holy church."

"Church?" said Sandy. "Mon, I thought it was the Bank of Montreal."

A man who said he was the father of 80 children, of whom 29 were girls, appeared at Northampton County Court. Four children were still dependent on him; he said. "It takes us back to the days of the patriarchs," observed Judge Staveley Hill.

It was a keen frosty morning, and the stout elderly gentleman on his way to catch a train slipped on the footpath on the street and immediately fell and was propelled by his weight down the steep incline.

A young lady who was coming out of her gate was overtaken by the on-rushing body, and sat upon him and was carried towards the foot of the hill. As they reached the railway station at the end of their rapid journey, the gentleman panted—"You get off, Miss; I stop here."

THE NEW "CHEER-O"
Y.M.C.A.APPRECIATION OF LADIES'
CO-OPERATION.

MR McPHERSON'S WORK

A meeting was held in the Helena May Institute yesterday of the lady helpers of the Y.M.C.A. canteen of ladies interested, Lady Clement being in the chair.

Mrs. Wolfe explained that the meeting had been called in connection with the re-organization which will be necessary when the "Cheer-o" canteen moves from its present quarters in Queen's Building to the City Hall. They also wanted the opportunity of saying Goodbye to Mr. McPherson before he goes on leave.

"Mr. McPherson," continued Mrs. Wolfe, "has been so closely connected with the work of the ladies and so helpful and courteous in all his dealings with us that we shall miss him very much indeed. I should like to wish him, on behalf of all present, a very happy time during his well earned holiday. We trust that on his return he will find the "Cheer-o" canteen well established and successful in its new surroundings. I feel sure that I can rely on my fellow workers to continue their interest and do all they can to make the new place a real success."

Lady Clement said:—There is another friend who is leaving us shortly, whom I should also like to mention, and that is Mr. R. A. Brown, to whom the Y.M.C.A. service movement is deeply indebted. I should like to take this opportunity of acknowledging how great is the debt we ladies owe to his over ready help. The hottest weather of summer never daunted Mr. Brown. He was always there and always to be relied upon.

We feel his approaching loss as keenly as the men themselves can do.

Mr. McPherson's Reply.

Mr. McPherson in reply said:—It is unnecessary to say anything this morning about the work of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. during the past year, as the majority of you, having given your assistance from the very beginning, are acquainted with the circumstances under which the work was undertaken and the way in which it has been done.

Although undertaken at first as a temporary measure only, it soon became evident that an effort should be made to place it on a more permanent basis. The premises at Chater Road being temporary only, it was considered imperative to look round for another place and, with this in view, the City Hall Committee was approached in the matter. After due consideration this Committee very kindly agreed to allow the use of certain rooms at the City Hall for a period of two years.

The premises made available consist of part of the Museum, which may be called the social room, part of the library, to be used as a library and writing room, and a large room at the Des Voeux Road side of the building, under the library, for a dining room. I do not know if you are familiar with the Museum—I find that many, even old residents, have never explored its mysteries. It is the room on the ground floor under St. George's Hall and of the same dimensions. We are allowed the use of one-half of this room, if the enclosed verandah on the Queen's Road side is included. The entrance is on Queen's Road, in a similar position to the entrance to the Theatre at the opposite corner of the building. A stairway will be made to the dining room, where there will be tables for eighty people, if required.

Transfer Date Not Certain.

It is not certain when the transfer to these new premises can be made, as it depends to some extent on other repairs and alterations to the whole building which are now being made. Tenders for the work we require have been accepted and the work will be begun at once. At the outside, not more than two months should be required, so that the premises should be ready at the end of April. I hope the opening may be made about May 1st and that it may be attended with some ceremony.

It is the intention of the Committee of Management to make arrangements for the providing of meals and refreshments with a Comptroller, who will enter into an agreement with the Committee covering quality of goods and service, and tariffs to be charged. This does not imply, however, that the work of the ladies will differ much from now. It is too much to expect their assistance in the dining room, but in the serving of tea and refreshments in the social room, probably with shorter hours than now, in the supervision of the library and reading room, and in the general entertainment programme, (Continued on Page 8.)

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HAVANA.LEVINE AND MISS MABEL
BOLL ARRIVE IN 14 HOURS.

Havana, March 6. Mr. Charles Levine, the successful millionaire Transatlantic flier, accompanied by the pilot, Mr. Wilmer Stultz, and Miss Mabel Boll, the daughter of a millionaire, made a non-stop flight from New York to Havana, a distance of 1,400 miles, arriving here after fourteen hours flying.—*Reuter's American Service.*

New York, March 6. The twenty-five year old daughter of an American millionaire, Miss Mabel Boll, known as the "Queen of Diamonds," on account of her many jewels, gained a long cherished wish when she took off at Mitchell Field, New York, last night with the trans-Atlantic flier Mr. Charles Levine, aboard his plane "Miss Columbia," on the 1,400 miles non-stop flight to Havana.

Mr. Stultz was pilot for Mrs. Grayson on one of her trans-Atlantic attempts.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FEARED LOSS OF JUNK.

NOT HEARD OF SINCE
SATURDAY.

That the strong winds and heavy seas which have prevailed during the two days have been responsible for considerable loss of life seems evident from reports gradually reaching the police of casualties which have occurred between Saturday and Monday.

One of these reports is made by the owner of a cargo junk, No. 1741, who states that his junk, a vessel of 1,640 tons capacity, left Aberdeen on Saturday afternoon, bound for Yau-mat, and has not since been heard of.

The vessel carried no cargo, but there were on board a crew consisting of four men, two women and five children. Normally, the trip from Aberdeen to Yau-mat could be accomplished in a few hours and the junk owner fears that the vessel must have either foundered or drifted out to sea.

NEW SHIPPING
SERVICES.BY COLUMBIA PACIFIC
COMPANY.

The Columbia Pacific Shipping Company announces the inauguration of its new South China service, commencing with the sailing of the s.s. Oakridge from Portland, on April 30th. The Company's vessels will return from Hongkong fortnightly direct to San Francisco and Portland, Ore.

Furthermore, as General Agents of the Oceanic and Oriental Navigation Company, the Company announces a regular monthly service, commencing with the sailing of the s.s. Beaufort from San Francisco, on May 10th. Vessels on this run will return from Hongkong to San Francisco via Los Angeles.

TEAPOT DOME OIL
SCANDAL.WARRANT FOR COLONEL
STEWART'S ARREST.

Washington, March 6. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Colonel Robert Stewart for refusing to answer questions before the Senate Committee of Inquiry into the Teapot Dome oil case.

He is Chairman of the Board of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, and is said to have helped to organize in 1922 the Continental Trading Company, which, according to the Government, supplied the money which Mr. Harry Sinclair gave to Mr. Fall, the Secretary of the Interior.

Col. Stewart was previously arrested on February 4th, but was released on a habeas corpus writ.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Cricket is a very desirable occupation, said Lord Harris addressing the Cricket Club Conference at the Regent-street Polytechnic. "The professional cricketer, if he has any really high capacity, can earn from £400 to £500 a year with a chance in a first-class career that after 10 years he may receive a benefit of £1,000 or even £3,000. Lord Harris, who was celebrating his 77th anniversary of his birthday, insisted that cricket was a people's game, and anyone by his own prowess could rise to the very top of the tree.

SOME SHANGHAI
TOPICS.CONTROVERSY OVER
THEATRICALS.RATEPAYERS WANT
INFORMATION.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Mar. 2. Matters theatrical have latterly loomed large in the mental horizon of Shanghai residents, partly because people have been craving a change from the realm of ponderous politics and partly because of the surfeit of entertainments, both amateur and professional, regaled for the delectation of jaded nerves.

So far as the plethora of stage productions are concerned, the old saying that it never rains, but it pours, applies with peculiar aptness in the present instance. The Shanghai A.D.C. have revived that old favourite, "Veronique," the American Players have staged "Captain Applejack"—the third production of the season—the German Dramatic Club have been responsible for "Antonia," the Banvard Musical Comedy Company are holding their own at the Embassy Theatre, and lesser theatrical luminaries are keeping their spark lighted at various other places, so that the birds of passage who flit through Shanghai on incoming ships cannot complain that Shanghai does not live up to its reputation as a city of pleasure.

Arising indirectly from this bewildering array of entertainments, in a comparatively small place such as this, has been the development of an acute controversy relative to the vagaries of theatrical managements and audiences alike. Those who sympathize with the sorrows and difficulties of visiting professionals, whose expenses have been progressively mounting up, strongly criticize local A.D.C.'s for putting on amateur shows simultaneously with professional plays, when the former have the whole year at their disposal. The amateurs, for their own part, resent adverse criticisms of their well-intentioned efforts on the stage and even threaten to boycott offending newspapers in the matter of advertising.

But the best thing of all in the local theatrical world is that late comers are now shut out during the first act so that they shall not make audience and players suffer for their sins.

Humour in Crime.

That touch of the master crook who delights in being facetious and impudent after a particularly audacious exploit in which he contrives to outwit the majesty of the law characterised a strange message addressed the other day to the Chinese military authorities. The message, which was conceived in sardonic terms, was found pinned to the door of a room in a tenement house which was raided by Settlement police in conjunction with the Chinese authorities, who were informed by the Chinese military that the house in question was being used as a meeting place by Chinese communists.

The house was found as empty as a shell when broken into by the raiding party, and pinned to the door of one of the rooms was this singular message: "We have been staying here, but as we understand that you are going to pay us a call, we are leaving. We will not return." A few pieces of worthless furniture were found on the premises and subsequently confiscated by order of the Provisional Court, but the birds had flown, and the latter were what the authorities were really after. Since the eclipse of the communistic elements, crimes of violence have been perceptibly on the wane, though not completely eradicated, but in their place have occurred a succession of crimes of a minor but impudent nature, which, though less spectacular than armed robberies and daylight kidnappings, nevertheless have their amusing side. One of the most impudent cases of this order occurred the other night in the Yangtze-poo district, when half a dozen men stopped a motor car proceeding along Pingliang Road, a very secluded spot, forced the driver, a foreigner, to get out of the car and divested him of money and valuables.

Matters Municipal.

It has been said that the most important editor in Shanghai is a gentleman unconnected with the field of daily journalism, in the person of the editor of the Municipal Gazette, who is at the same time Secretary of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

This subject is suggested by the renewed agitation of ratepayers—this time of the foreign persuasion—in the direction of more enlightenment being furnished to the taxpayers on municipal

POLICE PROSECUTE
DOG OWNERS.UNSUCCESSFUL CASES
AGAINST EUROPEANS.

Three Government servants appeared amongst the list of persons summoned at the Police Court this morning for breaches of the regulations in respect of the keeping of dogs.

When Mr. A. Kirk, an engineer of the Public Works Department, was summoned for allowing his dog to wander abroad without a muzzle, he submitted that this was on a private road leading to Government quarters on Leighton Hill where he is staying.

It was pointed out by Major Willson that it was a road used by other people in the quarters as well.

Mr. Kirk said that in any case the wording in the summons was wrong when it incorrectly described the locality as Leighton Hill Road.

Commenting that it was a wrong description and also that the summons was bad in form, his Worship dismissed the summons.

A similar summons against Mr. Russell, of Mr. 9 Leighton Hill Government Quarters, was dismissed on the same grounds, but Mr. Russell in this case was fined \$5 for not possessing a license.

Lance-Sergeant F. H. Kelly also unsuccessfully brought a similar summons against another Government servant, Mr. White of No. 5 Leighton Hill Government Quarters. Mr. White produced a license for his dog, and the case was dismissed both on this count and on that of allowing his dog to wander abroad without a muzzle.

Mrs. Gandall, of No. 3 Morrison Gap Road, was fined \$4 for failing to take out a license for her dog.

CONSTABLE BEFORE
THE COURT.INDIAN ACCUSED OF
MISCONDUCT.

Nanak Singh, an Indian Constable, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with accepting a bribe and with misconducting himself as a constable.

Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios, who appeared to defend the constable, informed his Worship that he understood that Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse would prosecute. Mr. Remedios had seen Mr. Wodehouse and the latter had intimated that he would not object to a remand and to bail of \$200 being granted.

The case was accordingly fixed for hearing on Monday, March 12th, at 2.15 p.m.

The proceedings arose, it is alleged, out of an attempt by the constable to demand a bribe of ten cents from a hawker in Hollywood Road. A watch was set on the Indian and yesterday a European Sergeant, in company with a Chinese detective, is said to have accosted the Indian just after the latter had received some marked money from the hawker.

Lord Weir's offer of his extensive factory at Cardonald to Glasgow Corporation, on condition that the Town Council erect 5,000 steel houses, has been refused.

affairs with a view to preventing hasty legislation and enabling ratepayers to exercise a steady influence on councillors by giving them an opportunity to study the pros and cons of any particular question before it becomes a fait accompli.

Unlike the meetings of the Hongkong Legislative Council, the deliberations of the Shanghai Municipal Council are not open to Press or public, and information relative to municipal matters is served in pointed form, so to speak, in the columns of the Gazette week by week. Much essential information is necessarily withheld owing to the narrow limits within which facts and figures have to be collated.

A movement is likely to receive a fillip to persuade the administrative body of the International Settlement to furnish prompt and more detailed information on municipal affairs. The mode of distribution of the Municipal Gazette is also coming in for criticism, the present position being that one of the three morning newspapers is commissioned with the work of printing the Gazette and a few hundred copies are sent to the other morning dailies for distribution with their issues.

This curious situation creates virtually a monopoly for one paper in the matter of purveying municipal news, and the anomaly in all probability will be ventilated at the forthcoming annual ratepayers' meeting.

BRITISH LAUNCH
BOARDED.ACTIVITIES OF HANKOW OIL
BUREAU.

SOCONY PAYS TAX.

Hankow, Feb. 21. What looked like developing into an unpleasant incident occurred on Sunday afternoon when a tug belonging to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, engaged in towing two lighters of oil from the Standard Oil Company's lower installation, was boarded by a party who stated that they represented the Oil Tax Bureau and demanded that the movement of the oil should cease.

Tax Not Paid.

According to these people who are reported to have had soldiers with them, the oil contained in the lighters had not paid the surtax demanded by the Oil Tax Bureau, and on this account could not proceed to its destination which was Ichang until such tax had been paid.

Consequently they proposed to seize both lighters and ship. The Captain of the tug thereupon drew alongside H.M.S. Curlew which gave the affair a different complexion, but as the oil was the property of an American Corporation representations in respect of this had to be left to the United States authorities.

Pending this being done the lighters were made fast to the stern of H.M.S. Curlew, and the tug proceeded to her berth. Representations were then made by both British and American authorities to the Chinese authorities both on the question of applying force to interfere with the movement of a British ship, and the question of levying a tax on the oil.

Previous Agreement.

"We learn on good authority that a previous agreement is in existence whereby the A.P.C. agreed to pay a certain surtax on the oil shipped by them, but apparently such agreement had not been entered into by the Standard Oil Company, and negotiations were continued yesterday with regard to the payment of the tax.

Ultimately we are informed that the Standard Oil Company agreed to pay the tax yesterday morning, and in consequence by two thirty in the afternoon the lighters were released and had taken their departure for Ichang.—*Central China Post.*

"RED" LITERATURE
SEIZED.CANTON POLICE CARRY OUT
RAIDS.

Large quantities of Communist propaganda and other "Red" literature were seized by the Canton police yesterday at book stores in various parts of the city.

Recently, information reached the Public Safety Bureau to the effect that Communist books were still being sold in great numbers at the book stores, and yesterday the Bureau sent out large numbers of police to raid shops in the Wing Lok Road and the Shu-ping-ping, two of the busiest centres in Canton. Much "Red" literature was found, but no arrests were effected.

HOW MUCH DO YOU
KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

- Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.
- 1 What proportion of eggs used in England is produced in the United Kingdom?
 - 2 What is ergosterol?
 - 3 Name the largest ship in the C.I.P.R. fleet.
 - 4 What new invention likely to be of great value in aircraft building has been acquired by Great Britain?
 - 5 What important decision with regard to infantry battalions is gradually to be carried out this year?
 - 6 Who built the present United Service Museum in Whitehall, and who was beheaded just in front of it?
 - 7 What British possession has a postal delivery only about once a year?
 - 8 Who were the Aztecs?
 - 9 Where did Solomon build his navy?
 - 10 What was an oullette?
 - 11 How many languages are there, approximately, in the world?
 - 12 Name the author of the following lines, and the event to which they refer: "Not a drum was heard, not a funeral note, as his corpse to the rampart we hurried."

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BOXING TOURNEY.

ROUSING CONTESTS ON
SATURDAY.

CAPITAL PRELIMINARIES.

[By "Wanderer."]

Stoker Morrell won his last fight in Shanghai last week after a terrific battle with Kid Yacko, and there can be no doubt he will appear in the ring fighting fit on Saturday night against Signalman Morris for the middleweight championship of the Colony.

If Morrell was the Morrell who was formerly fought in Hongkong, the match would possess its merits, but there can be no question that he has developed amazingly along the right lines since the Vindictive has been in Shanghai, and Morris may find the impetuous attack too much for him. Morrell has the



"Knocker" White.

stronger punch, and a remarkable ability to absorb punishment. He will probably win, though Morris is certain to put up a great struggle for mastery.

"Knocker" White.

"Knocker" White who meets Ldg. Seaman Hall in a ten rounds lightweight contest, makes his first and last appearance in the Hongkong ring. He went to Shanghai as a novice more or less, but comes to Hongkong with a capital reputation. In turn he has beaten like Jacobs, U. S. S. Ohaumont, Jimmy Riddle, U. S. M. C., Young Gonzales, and Battling Lara (twice). He met with disaster in his last contest in Shanghai being knocked out by Rudy Benton, U. S. M. C., admitted.



Leading Seaman Hall.

ly one of the best boys at his weight to step inside the Shanghai ring. Hall is well-known.

Another Ten-Rounder.

It is a long time since we saw a Stoker Reynolds in the Hongkong ring, but if the fighter of that ilk is anything like his namesake his appearance on Saturday will be very welcome. He is meeting a tough customer to initiate himself, his opponent being Jose Pinto da Silva, the vigorous fighter from the transport Peco de Alencar. I rather fancy we shall see a somewhat different da Silva from

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, March 10th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on March 10th.

DIVISION I.

Bolton v Arsenal.
Birmingham v Sheffield U.
Cardiff v Leicester.

DIVISION II.

Chelsea v Preston.
Grimsby v Notts Forest.
Reading v Manchester C.

DIVISION III.

Luton v Swindon.
Norwich v Plymouth.
Nelson v Lincoln.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Airdrie v Celtic.
Clyde v Queen's Park.
C'beath v Motherwell.

Name

Address

No. 28. Date

Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

Before sending in your coupons, mark your forecasts on the duplicate list given below. Keep your duplicate lists and compare them later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

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the man who lost to Morris. Throughout that contest he appeared to be holding himself back, but a shorter distance will, or should, induce him to set a livelier step, and this should prove one of the best fights on a well-designed programme.

A change of programme has been announced in one of the minor contests, Ldg. Sign. Hanson appearing vice A. B. Vatey against Bandsman McConnell, of the K.O.S.B. in a six-rounds bantamweight contest.

Another rousing contest should be the six round duel between Marine Frazer and Marine Harris. Both have been seen in gruelling fights in the last two tournaments, and they are worthy of their mettle. Frazer will be the most favoured candidate.

Lee Theatre Venue.

All the contestants are fit and keen, and the Lee Theatre which is again the venue of the Association's tournament, should be well filled. Lee Theatre is a little out of town but the facilities are more conducive to the proper staging of a boxing tourney, and this is well worth an extra trouble.

It is rather curious the objection some people have to making a journey merely because they have previously had their enjoyment brought figuratively to their doorstep. The same folk, if they really find interest in boxing, would travel from one end of London to the other to see a fight.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1225 sa.
Chartered Bank, \$212 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$321 n.
P. and O. \$10 n.
East Asia, \$69 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$665 sa.
Union Ins., \$330 b.
North China, Ins. Tls. 143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$464 b.
China Underwriters, \$220 b.
China Firms, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$720 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$421 sa.
H. K. Steamboats, \$27 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$280 sa.
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$35 sa.
Shell Trans., \$71- n.
Union Waterboats, \$20 n.

Mining.

Bonguots, \$21 n.
Kallans, 66/- n.
Langkats, Tls. \$181 sa.
S'hai Exploration, Tls. 2.75 b.
Raubs, \$41 b.
Tronohs, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$137 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$481 n.
China Providents \$520 b.
Hongkows, Tls. 165 b.
New Engineerings, Tls. 4.70 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 99 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 9.15 b.
Orientals, Tls. 2.15 b.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 60 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9.25 b.
H. K. Lands, \$644 sa.
S'hai Lands Tls. \$131 b.
Humphreys, \$141 b.
Realities, \$3.90 b.
Territorials, \$11 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$26 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$12 sa.
Star Ferries, \$634 sa.
China Lights, (Comb.) \$181 b.
H'kong Electric, \$74 b.
Macao Electric, \$21 b.
Telephones \$4.45 b.
China Buses, Tls. 61 n.
Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$10.50 b.
Malabons, \$271 n.
Canton Icos, \$4 b.
Cements (Comb.) \$12.60 b.
Ropes (Old) \$92 sa.
United Asbestos \$10 sa.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$322.10 b.
Watsons, \$12.40 b.
Dor A. Wing, \$4 sa.
Lane Crawfords, \$31 b.
Macintosh, \$22 sa.
Sinceres, \$9 b.
Wm. Fowells, \$5 n.

Miscellaneous.

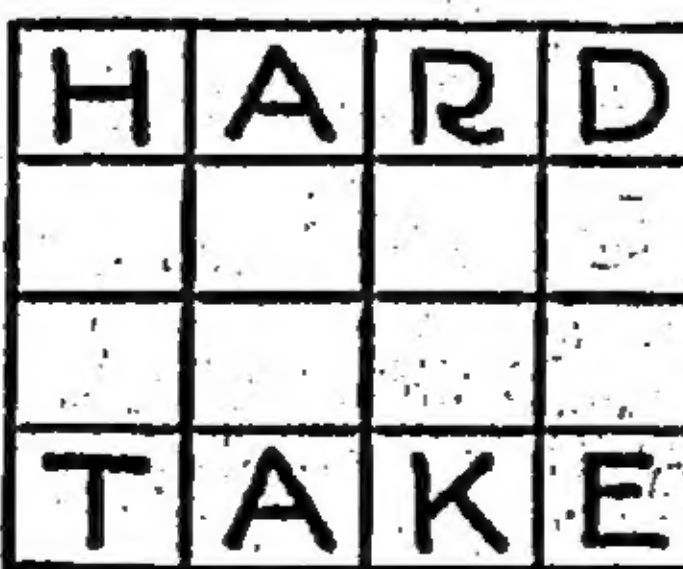
Amusements, \$291 b.
Constructions, \$11 n.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 60% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 6% Prorr.

LETTER GOLF.

Johnny has a cold and mother is giving him a little something that is HARD to TAKE. It's a



very short puzzle, though, just three strokes being required to make the change.



1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

THE NEW "CHEER O" Y.M.C.A.

(Continued from Page 7.)

It is hoped that the ladies will take the same important part as now.

A Vital Necessity.

On behalf of the Y. M. C. A., I wish to invite the continued co-operation of the ladies. We have now had a year's experience in the work and I have no hesitation in saying that their co-operation is one of the vital necessities for making the work a success. I do not consider it merely an assistance, but one of the factors without which this kind of Y.M.C.A. cannot do its best work.

Many times I have been asked about the real purpose and value of this Association. Is it the supplying of good meals and refreshments at a low cost? Is it providing entertainment, so as to pass what otherwise would be a dull hour? These are very important and cannot be neglected, but alone have not given "Cheer O" its undoubted success. "Cheer O" during the past year, has not only entertained those for whom it is intended, but it has helped them as well. The fact that he is appreciated always makes the right sort of person desire and strive to deserve it. I am sure that the men who make use of "Cheer O" thoroughly appreciate not only the entertainment and refreshments provided, but even more the kindly feelings which have prompted this service.

Warmest Thanks.

That it is appreciated by my Committee goes without saying. We all believe it a very fine thing indeed that, even through the trying summer months as well as the busy days of winter, so many ladies have given their services week after week, without fail, and I hope it will continue. On behalf of the Y. M. C. A. and also personally I wish to tender warmest thanks.

It is but right those who are doing so much for this work should not be considered helpers only, but should have some part in its policy and plans. I have, therefore, recommended to the Y.M.C.A. that a Ladies' Committee, with power to co-opt others, should be appointed by the Y.M.C.A. and that this Ladies' Committee should have the right to ask for a meeting with the Committee of Management of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. from time to time, as the situation may require. I wish to thank you all again for your hearty co-operation during the past year. I believe we have worked together very happily.

Enjoyed By Ladies.

Lady Clendinning said:—On behalf of the ladies may I say "Thank you Mr. McPherson"? I should like also to say how much we ladies have enjoyed our work in connection with the Y.M.C.A. centres. The men have been so appreciative, so considerate and so courteous, that it has been a real pleasure to get to know them, and to feel that we are extending some small token of hospitality and friendship to those who have left their own homes for our protection and the service of the Empire.

In connection with Mr. McPherson's closing remarks I should like to read a letter I have received from Mr. J. R. Wood, the Chairman of the Y.M.C.A. Naval and Military Committee.

Mr. Wood writes:—
"The Naval and Military Committee of the Y.M.C.A., of which at the present time I am the Chairman, most gratefully invites the ladies of the Colony to continue their assistance to the "Cheer O" canteen after its removal to the City Hall and to co-operate in the arrangement to be made in the installing of the canteen in its new premises. In fact without that support the canteen could not well go on, or at least would be a very different thing, different from any scheme desired by the Y.M.C.A. or by the men themselves.

"I am asked to state formally that our committee desires to appoint a 'Ladies' Committee' to assist them in this matter. This Ladies Committee will be empowered to add to their numbers. Whenever it may seem desirable to the Ladies Committee that we should hold a joint meeting with them our committee will be glad to do this."

The Committee.

This Committee, as so far constituted, consists of Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. Granville Alabaster, Mrs. Cross, Mrs. D. J. Lewis, Mrs. Bostell, Mrs. Davenport Brown and Mrs. Drummond. Mrs. Alabaster has formed a library sub-committee consisting of Mrs. H. T. Jackman, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Remington and Mr. Grenham.

Intended Arrangements.

Mrs. Wolfe explained the intended arrangements, stressing the real importance of having a lady in charge on each day, in order that there should be one responsible person to whom the Com-

mittee could refer in case of any changes taking place.

"It would not be possible to circularise each helper, as it is necessary to get in touch with all helpers quickly. Also from the helpers' point of view it is most desirable to have a lady in charge with whom they can arrange and rearrange their duties as occasion demands. Though it is not in the least necessary for the lady in charge to be present during the whole of the working hours of her day, I should like to emphasise the importance of one lady being responsible for the whole day. Having three different heads to deal with, as has been the case on Thursdays, has not been very easy. Ladies will only be required on duty from 4 to 7 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. If possible four ladies should attend for each shift. This number will include one lady for the library. In the evening four ladies should be the least, but five would be better.

Library Needed.

"It is suggested that periodicals should be in the refreshment rooms, so a lady will be required to supervise this, tidy them up and so on.

"This brings me to the library. Mrs. Alabaster is very anxious to form a really good library and to do this it is necessary to have money. One suggestion has been made and it is that an annual concert should be held, the proceeds of which should be given to the needs of the library. In addition to the purchase of books quite a large sum has to be expended on rebinding and repairs, small labels for numbering, etc. If any generously disposed members of the community, who are in sympathy with work of this branch of the Y.M.C.A., feel that they would like to subscribe, their help would be much appreciated. Periodicals are greatly in request. Would friends kindly place orders for them with their newsgagents, as was done last year?

Entertainments.

"It is hoped, too, to be able to keep up the regular dances and whilst drives. The informal dances every Thursday night are most popular and it would be a great pity if they were to be discontinued. The dances held in the City Hall have also been most successful, and we hope to organise them from time to time. Informal concerts and sing-songs are also appreciated by the men, especially ones in which choruses form part of the programme.

"I shall be glad to take the names of all ladies present who are willing to continue their services in the new building, also the names of new helpers, and I would ask everyone to recruit new helpers whenever they can. In a place like Hongkong, where people are constantly going on leave and being transferred it is rather difficult sometimes to keep gaps filled. We can never have too many helpers."

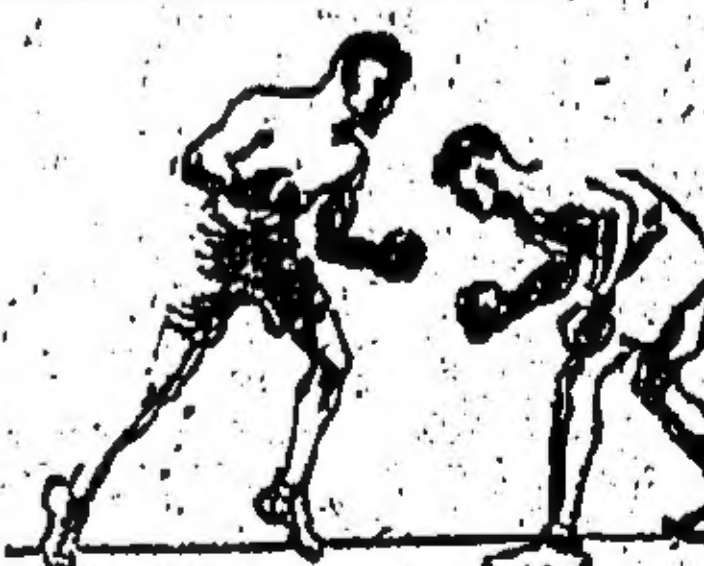
"If anyone has any questions to ask I should be glad to answer them to the best of my ability, and any suggestions will be welcomed. We should also be glad to have the names of ladies who may be unable to promise regular help, but who are prepared to be called upon to help on special occasions."

HOME FOOTBALL.

STOKE WIN ON FOREIGN SOIL.

London, Mar. 6.
In the Second Division of the English League at Grimsby to-day, Stoke City defeated Grimsby by two goals to one.

In the Scottish League, St. Mirren defeated Queen's Park by 5 goals to 1, while the Celtic scored four goals against Hamilton without response.—Reuter.



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MALAYA SPORTSMAN.

RETIREMENT OF INTERPORT CRICKETER.

The departure of Major W. N. Edwards, Chief Inspector of Police, F.M.S., on leave to Australia prior to retirement, deprives the Police Force of an officer who held a very good record, says a Malayan paper. Born in 1878 he served in the Matabeleland during the Boer War, 1899-1902. It was during this campaign that he won a commission.

Two years after peace was concluded at Pretoria he left the Army and secured an appointment in the Hongkong Police Force. In Hongkong he made a name for himself on the cricket field with the bat. His promise was that he attracted the attention of Sir Ernest Bree, who was then British Resident, Penak, and one of the finest judges of the game that Malaya has ever known. Somehow or other those who attracted Mr. Bree's attention on the cricket field had a knack of finding themselves subsequently in Penak, and in 1903 Mr. Edwards left the Hongkong Police Force to join the F.M.S. Police and was taken on the Penak strength in 1909.

On the outbreak of the Great War Mr. Edwards rejoined the Colours and served up to the termination of hostilities, being Bombing Officer and also in the Tank Corps during his experience at the Front. He finished up with the rank of Major.

On his return from the Front he was posted to Bagan Serai as an officer in charge of Police district. He held this appointment only for four months, when he was seconded for service outside the department, being successively Acting Registrar of Vehicles and Acting Superintendent Fire Brigade, Penak. He was also Rubber Restriction Officer, Ipoh, for over two years.

The public knew him best on the field of sport where he made a name for himself in cricket. Besides being a fine batsman he was one of the best fielders in the long field in Penak. He was a member of the State XI for many years, and captained the State team one year. When the Malaya XI visited Hongkong for the triangular cricket tests in 1924 Major Edwards was the only selection from Penak, and he did well in the tour.

DISASTER REPEATED.

ANOTHER RUBBER FIRE IN SINGAPORE.

Singapore, Mar. 6. Two hundred tons of rubber, valued at £50,000 were destroyed by a fire in a rubber factory. This is the second rubber factory burnt down in Singapore in four days.—Reuter.

LOCAL GOLF.

RESULT OF PLAY IN CAPTAIN'S CUP.

In the R.H.K.G.C. Captain's Cup, 3rd and 4th March, the result of play was:

H. F. Bloxham, with 74-4=70, qualified.

Other scores were:

S. A. Arthur, 87-15=72.
A. E. Lissaman, 81-8=73.
A. D. Humphreys, 86-11=74.
A. Leach, 84-10=74.
A. B. Raworth, 85-9=75.
A. B. Stewart, 79-3=76.
There were altogether 42 entries.

The Adamson Cup.

The result of play for the Adamson Cup in February was:

A. E. Chanman, with 92-20=72, qualified.

Other scores were:

Wm. Sayers, 95-22=73.
P. Morrison, 80-10=73.
R. Wallace, 87-14=73.
F. T. James, 92-18=74.
There were 11 entries.

Ladies Section.

The Medal Competition fixed for yesterday had been postponed until Tuesday, 13th inst., and the Bogey Competition for the prize presented by Mrs. Shellshair will now take place on Tuesday, 27th inst.

The final of the Ladies Championship will be played on Sunday, 11th inst., on the Old Course at Fanning, the finalists being Mrs. Whyte-Smith and Mrs. Tottenham. The Championship Cup will be presented to the winner in the Ladies Club House at 4.30 p.m.

NATURE WORSHIP.

ANOTHER LOST TRIBE FOUND.

New York, Mar. 6. A visit to a mysterious race of warriors, possibly the descendants of South Sea Islanders who came to South America centuries ago, is described by Mr. Hyatt, Verill of the American-Indian Museum, on his return from his sixtieth trip to South America.

Mr. Verill found a tribe of 350 men and women in an almost impenetrable wilderness between Brazil and Bolivia. None of these people wears any clothing. The men have long boards of the type commonly seen in the Solomon Islands. They are nature worshippers.—Reuter's American Service.

SWABUE REFUGEES.

MAKING PLANS TO RETURN TO HOMES.

When the news from the East River reached Hongkong a few days ago that in parts of Swabue the "Reds" had been driven out, many of the Hoiwang and Lukfung refugees now in the Colony, believing that before long the communists would be completely ejected from the East River, petitioned the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to provide them with free passages to return to their homes. It is estimated that in Canton and Hongkong there are some 50,000 refugees from the East River district. Within the past few weeks Chinese philanthropists in Hongkong have provided over 1,000 refugees free passages to the Straits Settlements where many have gone to seek work.

Enquiries at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce show that so far \$15,000 have been remitted from Hongkong to Canton as relief fund, subsequent to the December Communist coup. Some of these funds, it is said, will be devoted to relief work among the Hoiwang and Lukfung refugees.

A few days ago it was proposed to assist these refugees to return to their homes, and in addition funds may be collected in Hongkong to provide them with agricultural implements, so that they will be able to re-cultivate their devastated rice fields and vegetable gardens.

INDIAN RAILWAYS.

INCREASES IN PAY ARE DEMANDED.

Calcutta, Mar. 6. Following the settlement of the Bengal-Nagpur railway strike the employees of the East Indian Railway workshops at Lillooah are threatening direct action. The unskilled labourers are demanding double pay and the skilled workmen twenty-five per cent increase of their present wages.

The company's agent referred the question to the Railway Board, which has concurred in his conclusion that it is impossible to concede the demands.—Reuter.

RED SINGAPORE.

POLICE MAKE BIG HAUL OF DOCUMENTS.

Evidence of the poisonous type of Communist propaganda that is spread in Malaya was produced in the Third Police Court in Singapore, last Wednesday, when two youthful Chinese who were arrested in a house in Wilkie Road recently were brought up for the preliminary enquiry into charges of possession of seditious literature, upon which they have now been committed for trial before the next Assizes.

Opening the case, Mr. N. H. P. Whitley, D.P.P., said that the accused men were arrested by an officer of the O.I.D. who found a large quantity of pamphlets and leaflets containing seditious statements. Some of the documents would not in themselves be claimed to be seditious but they would be put in to show the extent of the organisation and distribution work controlled by the two accused.

Red Documents.

A great number of documents were found in the lower part of a rattan suit case found in the room. Amongst these was a pamphlet dealing with "The Revolutionary Party" and two letters addressed to the second accused by a friend. In this pile also was a leaflet dealing with the subject of "The documents of Lenin," and in a leather bag in the room there was a paper which was said to be an appeal to the Student Union, exhorting them to fight.

Another document was entitled "Red Singapore" and stated that the special committee of the Communists of South Seas was sending out workers by the thousands to spread propaganda, and finished up with the slogan "Transform and turn Singapore all of a sudden into the Red Rule." "The revolutionary atmosphere is present everywhere," "Down with British Imperialism!" "Fight for political power!" "Sovietise the whole place!" "Long live the principles of Lenin."

More documents were taken out of another suit case in the room. Amongst these was a book entitled "Blood Red." The last page contained the slogan "Overthrow British Imperialism. Revolutionary units in the South Seas, rise up..."

Anti-Christ Activities.

The floor of this same room was, according to the witness, strewn with papers and pamphlets. A leaflet advocating anti-Christ activities was found with these papers. Also propaganda for the celebration of the fourth anniversary of the death of Lenin. A passage from this writing said: "We must push ourselves into the midst of the labour and student masses to carry on propaganda and excite their passion."

"And the usual slogans were there—'Overthrow capitalists and the British Rule in Malaya.'"

Reading another document, the D.P.O. said that it was rather amusing in parts. The writing went on to say that people were made slaves to satisfy the insatiable desires of British Imperialism and further "we shall arm ourselves and revolt when the critical moment of imperialism arrives."

Proceeding the document spoke of the growing understanding of the Chinese masses and made reference to the demonstrations last year. There was another document entitled "The Emancipation Movement of the Malayan Races." This paper pointed out the "unfortunate" position of the workers and finished up with a statement to the effect that although Johore was nominally regarded as an independent state this was only a measure to bluff the natives.

Slaughter Advocated.

Several other documents were produced and marked as exhibits. They all contained statements of a highly seditious character. They were papers inciting labourers' strikes in every town, the disarming of officers and men of the police force, the slaughter of factory proprietors and officials and encouraging the native volunteers to shoot their officers.

The case against another Chinese who is similarly charged was adjourned. A fourth Chinese who was also charged with possession of seditious documents and who was informed that the charges had been withdrawn, was immediately re-arrested on a banishment warrant.

Court Inspector Parquharson, while the case was in progress, noticed two Chinese who seemed to be taking more than an ordinary interest in the case. He ordered their arrest on suspicion, and they were led away for investigation.

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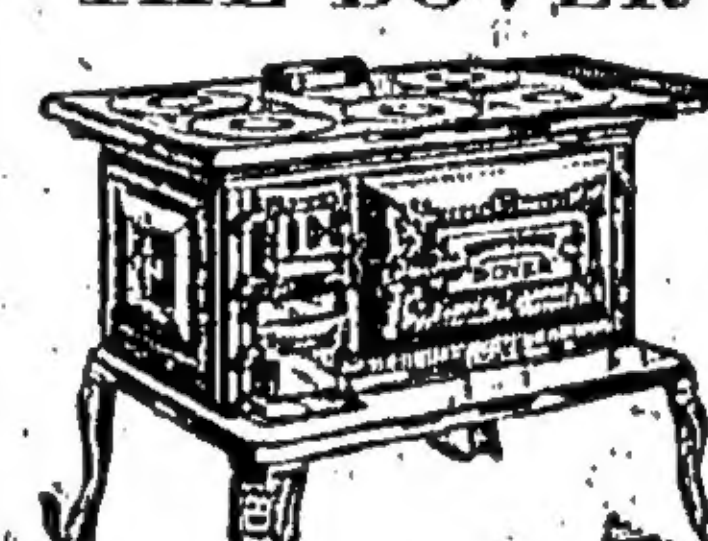
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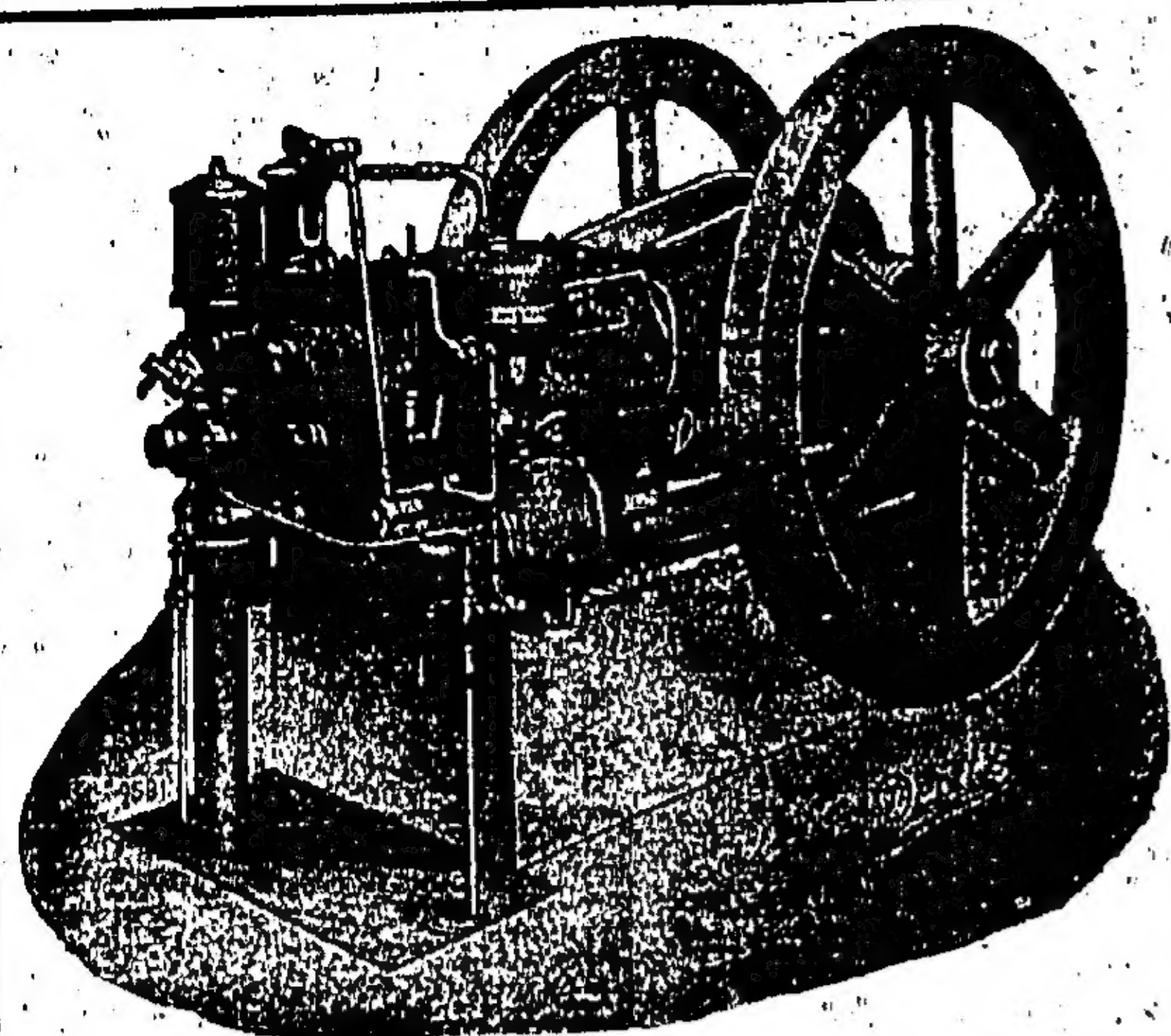
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- London. June 26th-July 7th. World's Dairy Congress.
- Amsterdam, Holland. July 28th-August 12th. Olympic Games.
- Cambridge, England. July 14th-25th. International Geographical Congress.
- Munich, Bavaria. July 26th-August 31st. Wagner and Mozart Festival.
- Vienna, Austria. July. Festival of German Singing Federation.
- Oslo, Norway. August. International Congress of Historians.
- Amsterdam, Holland. August. International Physical Education Congress.
- Budapest, Hungary. September 3rd-9th. International Congress in regard to illness arising from employment and industrial accidents.
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MR. CHURCHILL ON HIS
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BUDGET PROSPECTS.

Mr. Churchill, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a speech at Birmingham, dealt with national finance.

He declared that if he had the money it was not to the reduction of the standard rate of income tax which he should in the first instance apply it. The local rates were a harassing burden on productive industry and agriculture, and public attention should be increasingly directed to them.

We had just passed through a tranquil year, said Mr. Churchill, and to the great masses of the people, this period of recuperation and of convalescence was indeed a blessed haven after an exhausting and fearful voyage. The world now seemed to be settling down.

Now Mr. Arthur Henderson had said that a General Election this year would be "one of the most glaring betrayals ever perpetrated by any Government." "Let us reassure this good man," said Mr. Churchill, "that he is in no immediate danger of having to face his constituents. Obviously there can be no General Election in 1928."

Watching the Revenue.

"You will ask me: How is the Budget getting on? Watching the movements of revenue and expenditure is like watching a close-run boat race. At the beginning of the year our revenue cutter seemed a long way behind. There was, in fact, a deficit on the year of more than £150,000,000. To-night it is about £95,000,000."

"I am therefore bearing up fairly well, but I am certainly not going to make any prediction as to the order in which the rival boats will pass the line at midnight on the 31st March."

He had been criticised by Mr. Snowden, who complained that the Government had not reduced expenditure, and consequently taxation, as much as they ought to have done. "I think," commented Mr. Churchill, "that about expenditure I shall have a somewhat better tale to tell when I open the Budget in April" next, and, with your permission, I will keep that tale until then."

Sanguine Hopes.

"You will, no doubt, say: What of the future? And I shall no doubt say very little about it." The Chancellor proceeded: "I see, however, that some people are beginning to talk about a reduction of sumpence in the income tax in the near future. Without wishing to lower your spirits I think I may go as far as to say that those who nurse these hopes are of a very sanguine temperament, and I will go further and say that they must be people who take much more pleasure in building castles in the air than in adding up figures in a ledger."

"The best hope for the income tax payer lies in the improvement in national credit and in the conversion of our immense internal debt to a more favourable rate of interest."

"The great strikes and stoppages of 1926 have set the clock back. I must say that if I had the money it is not to the reduction of the standard rate of the Income Tax that I should in the first instance apply it."

"I said in Scotland in September last that the local rates were a harassing burden upon productive industry and agriculture. I argued that pound for pound they were a worse burden than the Imperial taxes."

"I said then, as I say now, that I was not in a position at the moment to make any positive proposal and that nothing that I said must be taken as a pledge or promise. But I asked that public attention should, like the attention of His Majesty's Government, be increasingly directed to this aspect of our affairs. Now I am very glad to see that my request has borne fruit both with the Socialist and Liberal oppositions."

"When you feel inclined to set out upon a journey there are always two questions to be considered. The first is where do you want to go, and the second is how are you going to get there. As to the second question, we must see how the finances of 1928 and 1929 work out and how fast we progress in our recovery from the havoc of the great strike period."

"Nevertheless, I will go so far as to say that if I had the money, which I have certainly not at the present time, an advance in this direction would round off with singular completeness the financial policy of the present Parliament."

Betting Tax Yield.

Mr. Churchill also referred to the Betting Tax, which yielded

COMPENSATION FOR LIFE.

SOCIALISTS' SUBMIT ROSY
PROPOSALS.

INCLUDE FAMILY.

Startling proposals regarding workmen's compensation are made in a new Bill prepared by the Labour Party.

The first provision is that the State shall take over the insurance of employers against workmen's compensation risks.

An initial loan is to be made to the State Fund by the Treasury for the purpose of establishing the fund. All premiums are to be paid into this fund and all expenses paid out of it, but "the State shall guarantee the solvency of the fund." A Board of seven (all paid) is to administer the fund. These members are to be lawyers and one engineering, one medical, one financial, and one labour member.

Persons to be compensated are to include members of the employer's family living in his house if they are in receipt of wages. The wage limit for compensation is to be extended to £500 a year (it is now £350), and "an option should be given to non-manual workers above that limit to insure under the scheme." Ordinary insurance societies are ruled out; the Government scheme is to be inclusive.

Rates of Compensation.

It is suggested that four classes of disability should be fixed. For permanent total disability compensation is to be a weekly payment for life equal to 75 per cent. of the average weekly earnings; for permanent partial disability the workman is to be paid the difference between what he did earn and what he can earn; for temporary disability these same payments are to be made so long as the disability lasts; and the minimum payment for total disability is to be not less than £3 a week. This is to be increased by 50 per cent. where it is necessary for the workman to have someone in constant attendance.

Funeral expenses up to a maximum of £20 are to be paid, and where a widow or invalid husband is the sole dependant £1 10s. a week for life is to be paid. Where there are children under 16 this amount is to be increased by 10s. For each one, to be increased to 15s. in the event of the death of the surviving parent.

In no case are the total payments to exceed the average earnings of the workman, but the above amounts are not to be reduced below £2 where there is a surviving parent and one or more children.

Women not Wives.

Then follows this provision: "Also, in the discretion of the Board, the widow's allowance may be paid to a woman not the wife of the workman who was living with the workman as his wife at the time of his death, and this even if the workman may have left a legal wife surviving him. If such workman leaves children by the woman with whom he was living at the time of his death, the children's allowances may, in the discretion of the Board, be paid to the mother for the benefit and maintenance of the children."

No action shall lie for the recovery of compensation. All claims will be heard and determined by the Board, "whose decision shall be final" and not open to question or review in any Court.

All these provisions are to apply to all persons engaged in any public or private enterprise, undertaking, or establishment whatsoever within the limits of the income referred to above, and excepting persons employed in the Army, Navy, and Air Forces of the Crown.

roughly £3,000,000. He did not know any other way in which that amount could be collected with less harm to the country. It diminished the volume of betting. There were difficulties connected with the tax which time would cure, but would the introduction of the totalisator, substituted for the roar of the ring, make any serious difference?

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald had argued that it was wrong for the State to raise any revenue from any national habit which was in its tendency unhealthy.

"The official newspaper of the Labour Socialist Party," said Mr. Churchill, "is the Daily Herald. I have before me a recent copy of the Daily Herald. Column after column is occupied by betting news; by racing tips and gambling transactions of all kinds, and the Daily Herald, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's official newspaper, is making a revenue, not as I am doing by penalising betting, but by, adding it and encouraging it and stimulating it. His own newspaper!"

SANITARY BOARD.

NEW MARKET FOR KOWLOON
CITY.

A number of routine items were discussed at the Sanitary Board meeting held at the Board's meeting room in the Post Office Building yesterday. There were present Mr. W. J. Carrie (Chairman), Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. J. P. Braga, Dr. G. W. Pope (M.O.H.), Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. S. W. Tao, Lieut. Col. J. S. Bostock and Mr. J. Watson (Secretary).

An announcement was made by the Chairman that the new market in Kowloon City will be opened in April. With regard to the allotment of stalls, a proposition of the Chairman that holders of present food licenses should be given first opportunity to bid for stalls in the new market was carried. The hours of the new market were fixed between 5 a.m. and 8 p.m., the Chairman stating that those were the usual hours during which semi-urban markets carried on business.

TANGIER AGREEMENT.

PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS
COME TO END.

London, Mar. 6.
The placing of the signature to the Tangier Agreement terminates the protracted Franco-Spanish negotiations on Spain's claim to the protectorate or mandate, wherein Britain acted as a mediator. The next stage will be a four-Power conference to determine the conditions whereon Italy shall share in the administration.

The present Tangier Statute is the fruit of the discussions of the three Powers only, as Italy was not invited to attend the Tangier Conference of 1923.

The visit of an Italian squadron to Tangier last year was a reminder that she had not relinquished her privileges under the old capitulations with Morocco. The British attitude was governed by a desire to maintain Tangier's international status.—Reuter.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

ENTERIC FEVER MOST IN
EVIDENCE.

The health return for the week ended March 3 shows that there were five cases of enteric fever notified in Hongkong during that period, as well as two deaths, both victims being Chinese.

There was one death from small-pox in the period, and two cases of puerperal fever, as well as one Chinese death from the latter infection.

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THE METAL BOX

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SYNOPSIS.

FOSTER MARKWELL, who travels periodically as a ship's doctor, meets and admires THERESA FEVERSHAM, niece of ELIAS FEVERSHAM, an American millionaire newspaper owner, staying in London. Foster's aunt MISS CROOM asks him to take care of a small metal deed box, with instructions to surrender it to none but herself. Subsequently she is discovered murdered.

CHAPTER V. Treasure Trove.

It was past one when Foster Markwell let himself into the house in Upper Baker Street, having had an interview with an undertaker, and lunched on his way from Baynton Crescent.

Although not a stickler for conventional mourning, his brown tweed suit and old Harrobian tie seemed inappropriate, and going to his bedroom, he noticed on the chest of drawers the brown paper parcel which he had received from Miss Croom with strict injunctions not to part with it to anybody but herself.

She had been the kind of anxious little woman to make a fuss about trifles, and he had scarcely given her box a thought from the evening she put it in his hands till now. That it could be connected in any way with her death, he did not for an instant suspect, for there seemed scarcely a doubt that she had been killed by an ordinary burglar, who had stolen everything portable and convertible.

Now, however, the parcel ought surely to be opened. Foster was Miss Croom's heir-at-law, and she had always had a nervous dread of making a will. More than once she had spoken almost apologetically of her government annuity and he stood to gain nothing by her death beyond the proceeds from the sale of the furniture, and such money as might stand to her credit at the bank, after payment of the funeral expenses.

The parcel, whatever it contained, was his own property and as soon as he had put on a darker suit and a grey tie, he carried it to the bed, removed the paper wrapping, and disclosed an old black, enamelled metal deed box, which might, to judge by appearances, have been in his aunt's possession for years, or even in his grandfather's. On taking it up to examine the lock, he fancied he could detect a metallic sound, and wondered whether some of the articles which Sergeant Galloway had put in his list as missing might, by way of precaution against thieves, have been stowed away in the box.

After trying vainly the few keys on his own bunch, he appealed to Mrs. Hutchings, who produced a score or more of various shapes and sizes, tied together by a piece of tape.

Returning to his room, Foster sat sideways on the bed, trying one key after another, till presently he found one that fitted. Raising the lid, he saw a large, soiled, bandanna handkerchief, but removing this, he started to his feet with an exclamation of profound astonishment.

The box was filled with a miscellaneous collection of gems, worth, Foster told himself a king's ransom. Never had he seen so many in such a small space: rings set with precious stones, diamonds, emeralds, rubies, brooches, pendants, heavy gold bangles, a tiara containing scores of magnificent diamonds, a neckband two inches wide, consisting entirely of gorgeous rubies, a double row of darkish pearls, not of great size, but marvellously matched both in colour and size.

And they were all his own! Their value must be enormous, nor was it possible to question their origin. How his eccentric grandfather had obtained possession of them, it was futile to speculate, but that he had brought them from India, Foster at once assumed. From where else could his aunt have got them? They had possibly been bestowed on her father for services (perhaps equivalent) rendered to the potentate to whose court the late Mr. Croom had been attached, and he, miser as he was, had preferred to hoard them, rather than change them into coin of this realm.

All these years, since his death, fifteen years, the treasure had been hidden away in that little suburban house, Miss Croom, perhaps, inspecting them from time to time in secret, but neither speaking of them nor parting with a single gem, till the dread of losing her precious possessions, induced her to entrust the box

without a word of explanation to her nephew. No wonder she had conjured him not to part with it. She may have decked herself out with them in the privacy of her own room, though this seemed incongruous, or she might have known of some disreputable history attaching to them, which had prevented the over-scrupulous little woman from turning her property to account.

Foster Markwell had no such meticulous scruples. There ought to be a moral statute of limitations, or where would one be! Possession was nine points of the law. He had suddenly become a rich man, though at the moment he could not tell how rich. The world lay before him, and as he replaced the gems in their receptacle, after examining them one by one, his thoughts turned to Theresa. How delightful to bestow them on the woman "one loved! How well they would become her! Not that he imagined her as caring very much for that kind of display. She always dressed quietly, wearing scarcely any jewellery.

Foster knew little about the law, and cared less. The essential fact was that everything of which his aunt had died possessed was his, there was no one else who had the slightest claim. He assumed that, as a matter of fact, he might have to employ a solicitor to take out letters of administration on his behalf, but even then, he was by no means certain he should say a word about this unexpected haul.

For the present, at least, he intended to keep his own counsel, but a lodging-house bedroom was scarcely a suitable place for the bestowal of the gems. After considerable reflection he relied the metal box in its original brown paper, and on Saturday morning took it to the bank in Whitehall, where for the last few years he had kept his unimportant account. Having been assured that it would remain in the strong room till he made personal application for its return, he turned his thoughts to the inquest which was to be held at two o'clock.

The proceedings did not last very long. Foster identified the body, and testified that he had last seen Miss Croom alive on Tuesday evening. Martha Keene gave evidence, and the police constable who had discovered the crime, then the doctor who had made the post mortem. One of them mentioned, as a matter of some interest, that the dead woman's skull had been abnormally thin, so that a blow delivered with similar force might not have proved fatal to ninety-nine persons out of a hundred. When the coroner announced the number of recent burglaries in the neighbourhood, the jury returned a verdict of "Willful murder against some person unknown," and Foster outside the court was accosted by Mr. Oliphant, the minister, whom he remembered meeting some while ago on one of his visits to Baynton Crescent. As they stood talking about the funeral which was to take place on Tuesday, one or two young men hovered about with cameras, and when Foster walked away, he was overtaken by Sergeant Galloway.

"Do you remember a friend of Miss Croom's named Hillyard?" he inquired.

"I've never heard the name—who is he?" answered Foster.

"Just what we want to find out, Doctor. Miss Croom had a call from someone who used the name as a sort of introduction. I thought you might be familiar with it."

Foster explained that she had had very few friends, and that as he was often at sea for months at a time, he knew little about them. He parted from the sergeant at the Underground station, and on Sunday morning, Mrs. Hutchings excitedly exhibited an illustrated newspaper, containing a full description of the murder and his photograph as the victim's next of kin.

Frequently as he thought of Theresa Feversham, he held no communication with her till after the funeral. He was surprised by the number of flowers that arrived at the house in Baynton Crescent, and amongst others noticed a large heart-shaped cushion, formed entirely of primroses.

Attached to it was a card, "with love and fondest memories from Monica Railton." Of course he remembered the girl. A sort of protégée of his aunt's, the daughter of a painter, at Addison Buildings, Chalk Farm. Foster had been introduced to her while she was staying with Miss Croom after her father's sudden death,

though she had not created a very deep impression.

CHAPTER VI.

A Change in Manner.

Foster Markwell telephoned to Theresa shortly after breakfast on Thursday morning—Thursday, January the seventeenth. It seemed a long week since Miss Croom's death. Miss Feversham consented, promptly enough, to lunch at the "Carlton," and when he reached Treadwell Mansion, greeted him even more cordially than usual, perhaps, because of his longer absence. They had not met since the previous Thursday. As he followed her into the sitting-room, however, her smile faded.

"Are you in mourning?" she asked. "Have you lost someone since I saw you last? Is that the reason you stayed away?"

"You may have read about the murder at Haverstock Hill," answered Foster, and explained that Miss Croom was his aunt. Nothing could have been more consolatory than Theresa's sympathy. She had an expressive face, and as she stood close to his side, with her eyes raised, he thought they were the most wonderfully dark blue he had ever looked into, forming a piquant contrast to her fair hair.

His regard touched high water mark that day, and he resented the chances of the good-looking, red-haired man who was one of a rather conspicuous party of four at a table in the middle of the restaurant. He looked about twenty-six, and when presently he rose, Foster saw that he was unusually tall, more than six feet, and wide-shouldered. Exceedingly well-groomed, he had no doubt passed through a public school and university; the only fault that could be found, and probably Foster had the inclination to be critical, being that his eyes were rather small and close together. Still, he was a handsome, distinguished-looking man, and on his way out with his friends, he bowed to Theresa, who had evidently not recognised him till that moment. She nodded and smiled in her somewhat casual way, but made no remark about him. Obviously she was not entirely lacking friends in London, and indeed Foster knew this was her third visit.

That Thursday formed a dividing line, it seemed when he looked back, in Foster Markwell's life. Theresa had never appeared so agreeable and sympathetic before, and the next time they met she was altogether different. What had changed in her, he would have found it difficult to explain, but he became conscious of an alteration the moment she admitted him to her flat on Saturday, when she greeted him with a smile, it was true, though her spontaneity had gone, and on the way to the "Savoy" in a taxi, she remained so persistently silent that he asked what was the matter.

"The sky seems to have clouded over," he said. "I feel as if I had been pulling my foot in it."

"Perhaps you have," she returned, soberly.

"Won't you tell me what I've done?" he urged, but she shook her head, rather in sorrow than in anger, he thought.

"I think I prefer to leave it to your own conscience," she said.

"I can only assure you it's not more reproachful than usual," he insisted, and during the meal, amidst the talking and laughter and the music of the band, he could not shake off a suspicion that she was keeping him under observation. Something must have happened since last Thursday, though he could not imagine what, and in the hope of finding out, he began in his turn to watch Theresa.

On leaving the restaurant, she said she should prefer to walk a part of the way home, and though the day, being Saturday, many shops were closed, their windows were unshuttered. Foster was surprised that she should stop more than once, and invariably at jewellers'. She called his attention to various gems, though she had never taken an interest in such things before. On Saturday he took her out to dine, and still it was impossible not to be aware of the disconcerting change.

(To be continued.)

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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FILM PAGES IN NEW YORK.

"THE CIRCUS" AND "THE ENEMY."

CHARLIE'S RECORDS.

New York, Feb. 8. Charles Spencer Chaplin is variously paying for his two years' vacation, making up that much discussed alimony and adding now figures for the income tax man at this present moment. For his film, "The Circus," is quite the rage of Broadway. Such records for attendance as may be filed away in the statistical reports are being smashed day by day and in every way.

Charles Spencer Chaplin has proved beyond a shadow of doubt all that was said about him when the ladies' clubs were so zealously trying to shut down his pictures; he is one of our two or three leading idols.

Wherewith, it becomes embarrassing to report just here and there that "The Circus" shows the result of the year's vacation from it that Charlie was forced to take.

What is most interesting is that the Chaplin we find in this film is the Chaplin of the old two-reel days; the Chaplin who was bounced from slapstick to bootleg. In this picture Chaplin moves about on more or less winged feet and action becomes the keynote.

Only at brief intervals does he deliver himself of those expressions that the psychologists and intellectuals were inclined to make so much fuss about. Otherwise he is carried along from one defeat to another, from one disconcerting encounter to another.

There are two episodes in "The Circus" that will not soon be forgotten. One reveals Charlie chased by an unfriendly mule into the lion's cage, where he inadvertently locks himself in. Chaplin has never done anything funnier. But there is too little of it. Much could be cut that this scene might be padded.

And there is his tight wire performance. In this, Charlie takes the place of the great and peerless performer. He arranges to have an invisible wire attached to his belt, achieves astounding feats over the crowd without visible means of support.

The situation is complicated by the arrival of a number of escaped monkeys who clutter up the rope and climb over his body. It seemed to me that the monkey business was carried too far and achieved an anti-climax.

But it is obvious that the people want Charlie back. They are clamoring for him; packing the doors until well after midnight and shrieking with laughter.

The second Broadway event is the "come-back" of Lillian Gish. In "The Enemy," she achieves just about all that the most avid fans and critics have claimed for her.

For several pictures the Gish had seemed to us to be rather improbable, if not impossible. But in this war picture the producers have given her no ill-luck. She runs around, and so she seems saved for the arts.

They might have left the bird cage out, for bird cages and lilac bushes have always seemed to us to be Lillian's weakness.

The picture, just out of the United Artists' plant, is taken from Channing Pollock's burning anti-war play and, as such, is the first photoplay to carry a denunciation of the sport of Mars. Even though it sags toward the end, it has a powerful story to tell and Mlle. Gish does everything a real artist might be expected to do to help.

"THE CIRCUS."

CROWDED HOUSES AT THE QUEEN'S.

Charlie Chaplin's great comedy, "The Circus," continues to draw crowded houses at the Queen's Theatre. Most cinema-goers are under the impression that Charlie Chaplin never goes to any great pains about his costume. They would never put him in the same class as Adolphe Menjou or Gloria Swanson. In the minds of most people, his baggy trousers are just a pair of old trousers; his shoes probably a pair that belonged to a bigger man, and so on throughout his entire make-up.

But what a mistake! Those baggy trousers and that funny coat are tailored for Charlie with as much care as a regal suit of evening clothes. And a very fine shoe shop has the dimensions for Charlie's feet from big toe to heel, with a standing order to replace the shoes at frequent intervals.

Intimates of the comedian have said that not only does make-up represent a trade mark, but it hints at the only superstition that Charlie probably possesses. He sped up the hill to fame and fortune in that suit, and therefore it is only on very rare occasions that he shifts the scenery, so to speak, and then only when absolutely necessary to make the change.

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As a sequel to the recent heavy rains, wind, and frost, a portion of one of the outer walls of the ruins collapsed.

WORLD THEATRE.

POLA NEGRI'S BIG SUCCESS.

Pola Negri has a big part to play in "The Crown of Lies," which is at present being shown at the World Theatre. The story is full of romance, and although many of its incidents border on the impossible, these are forgotten in the general excellence of the production and the fine acting of Pola Negri, who takes the part of a pseudo-Queen in an imaginary Balkan State.

There is some excellent scenery, and besides the love interest which runs through the tale there are plenty of thrills as well. "The Crown of Lies" was specially written for Pola Negri, and she is certainly a big success in it.

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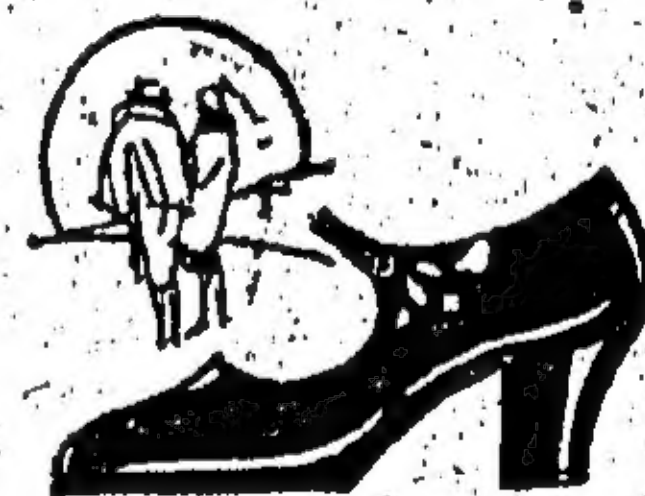
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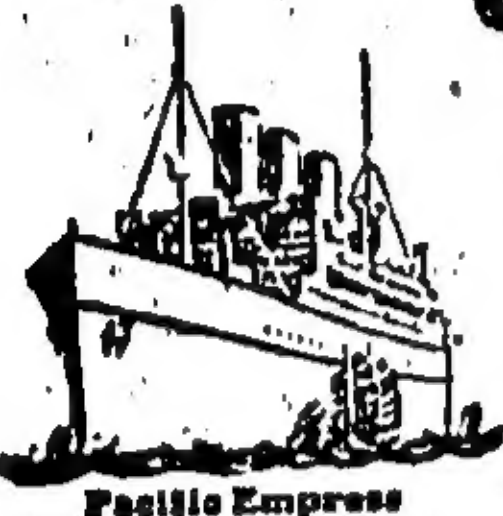


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[By Alfred Kallsch.]

Sir Landon Ronald recently told the assembled members of the Incorporated Society of Musicians that the musical critics were a lot of naughty, pampered young men. As no one had a chance of taking up the cudgels on behalf of the much-maligned fraternity then and there, I will try to a few words in their (or our) defence.

If we examine Sir Landon's tremendous indictment with a little care we will find, I think, that it resembles a snow man after the sun has shone on him, and (to change the metaphor abruptly) that the boot is on the other leg. It is Sir Landon who is the naughty, pampered young man.

His first complaint was that music critics grumble when an evening concert lasts after a quarter-past ten, while dramatic critics wait patiently till 11 or later. He must know that this is the superfluity of naughtiness. He must know that a dramatic critic goes into his trade or profession with his eyes open and never expects to get off till after 11. He ought, too, to know, by this time that if a piece—even if it is the most important in a programme—comes at the end of a long concert it has but a poor chance of being adequately noticed, and that through no fault of the critics.

Hackneyed Works.

The second point is more important. Music critics, he says, object to frequent repetitions of masterpieces which they miscall hackneyed and hold up the critics of painting as shining examples to them. Now really, Sir Landon, really. Has he never heard a critic of art denouncing the lovers of old-fashioned pictures? Does he not realise that pictures do not get in each other's way in the same way as compositions do?

A concert is only of a certain length, and if there are old works in a programme there is no room for new ones. A picture in the National Gallery does not prevent anyone from looking at an exhibition in the Leicester Galleries if he wants to. The comparison is, with reference, absurd.

If Sir Landon only knew, it is not the critics who complain of want of adventurousness in programmes, but the public. It is the critics who often tell the public that they must not ask for too much novelty.

The Dilemma.

How often have I not had letters urging me to do something to reform programmes, and how often have I not answered that young men should remember that if the Pathetic Symphony, for instance, is stale to them, there are tens of thousands who want to hear it, and have as much claim on the concert givers' time as

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they have. All this is too old, and I am almost ashamed to have to remind Sir Landon Ronald of it.

Lastly, the critics are often attacked from the opposite side, and Sir Landon has done it, too, if I mistake not. It is a common complaint, especially of speakers who want a little cheap applause from after-dinner audiences, to say that the Press falls in one of its main functions, which is to encourage rising talent.

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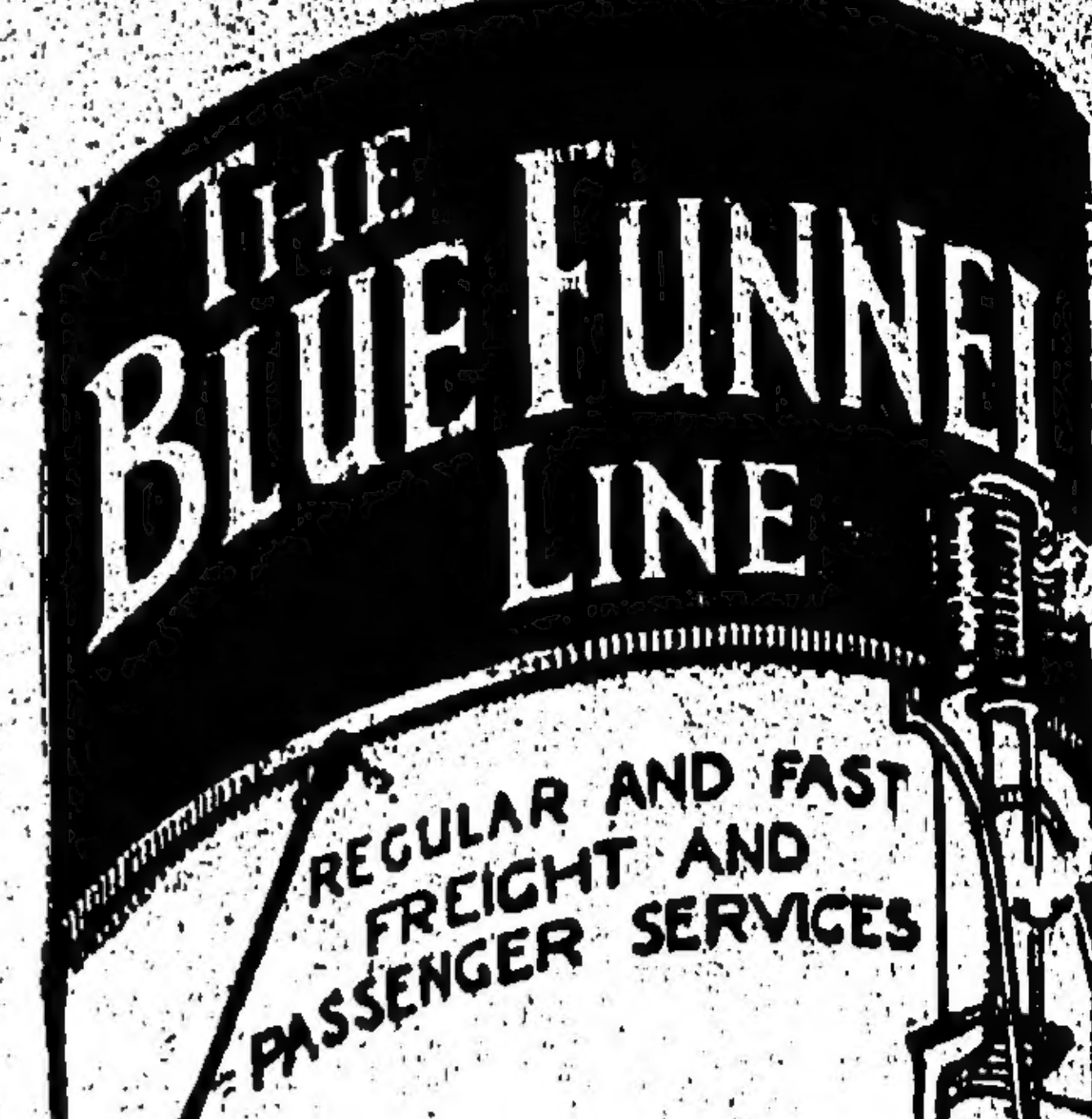
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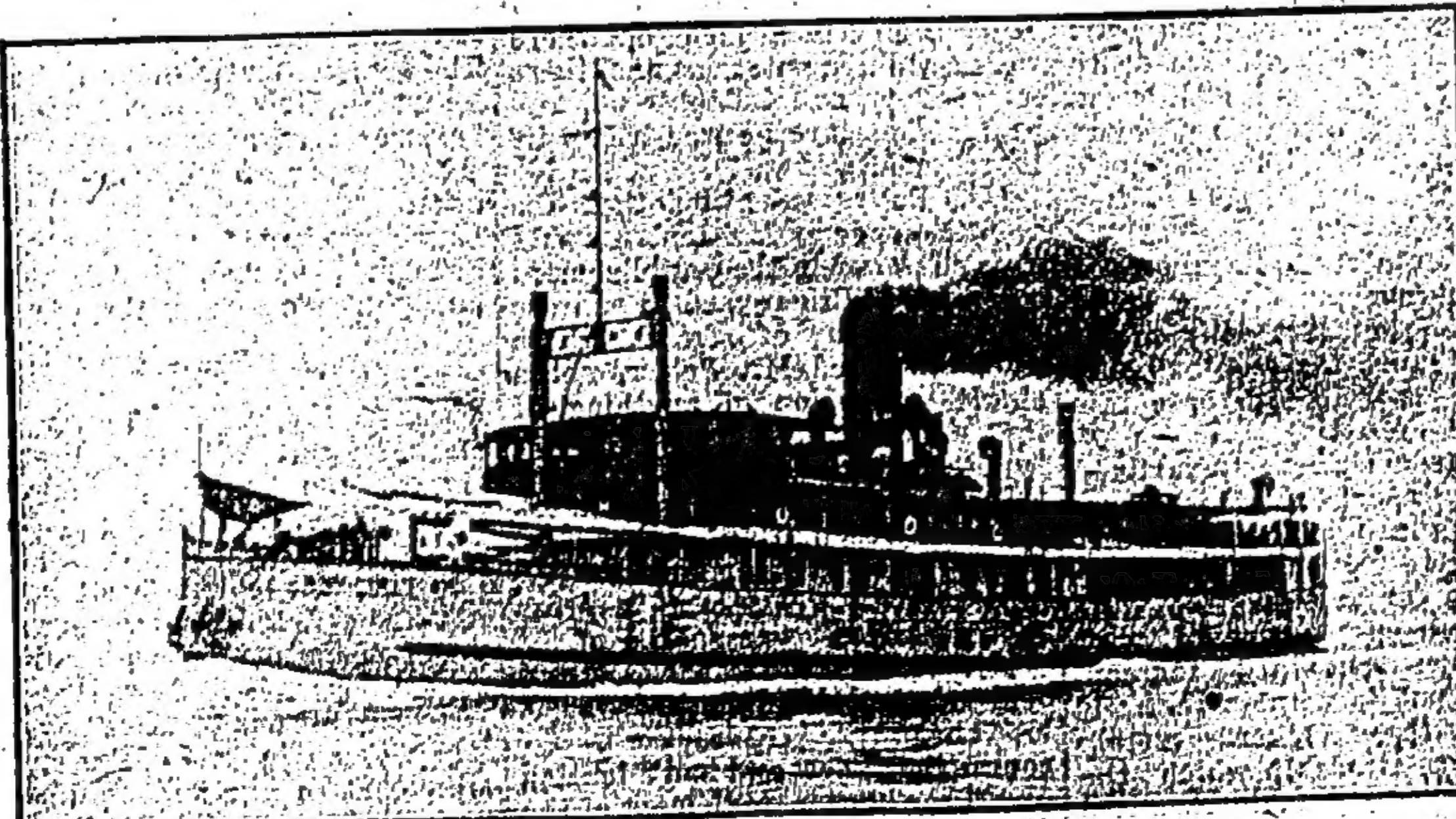
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SANTHIA	7,754	21st Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
TAKADA	6,949	28th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAPURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
TALAMBA	8,018	11th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
*JEYPORE	6,318	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TILAWA	10,006	21st Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NOVARA	6,989	8th May.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
TANDA	6,956	8th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DELTA	8,097	11th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
RANPURA	10,601	25th May.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
NANKIN	7,058	4th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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WILFUL MURDER.

KENNEDY ROAD CRIME
UNEXPLAINED.

The recent attack on a Chinese
youth named Fung Man-chiu at
Kennedy Road, made by two sup-
posed robbers, and his death from
stab wounds, formed the subject
of a Coroner's enquiry held before
Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central
Magistrate's yesterday afternoon.

The jury called comprised
Messrs. T. H. Martin (foreman),
L. Dunbar and Woo Tin-cheng.
But Pul-ton, the girl who was
with the deceased at the time of
the attack, was the first witness.
In reply to the Coroner, she said
she was 19 years of age, and lived
at No. 301, Praya East. She was
married to a man who was
now in Singapore, being his kit-
fat wife, but had known the de-
ceased before her marriage. In
reply to further questions, she said
she was the young man's sweet-
heart. After a year's absence in
Singapore, during which she had
not heard from the deceased, she
returned to Hongkong to visit
her relatives, arriving here on the
20th of last month.

His Worship: Have you ever
told your husband of his exis-
tence?—Witness: No.

Proceeding, witness said that a
chance meeting brought them to-
gether again two days after her
return to Hongkong.

You made an assignment with
him?—Yes. It was arranged that
we were to meet outside Kwong
Sang Hong Building, in Des Voeux
Road, at 7 p.m. the same day.

At this second meeting, she said,
they went on a long walk which
took them finally to Kennedy
Road, near Monmouth Path. She
had not told anyone of the meet-
ing.

The Attack.
While deceased was sitting on
the railings on the outside of the
road, engaged in a long conversa-
tion with her, two men appeared
from the direction of Wanchai
and attacked them. While one
tackled the deceased, the other
man threw his arms around her,
and it was at this moment that
she heard the deceased call out
(the only words he uttered during
the whole period of the incident),
to let the men have her trinkets.

She was terrified by the sight
of what she could only divine in
the darkness as a sharp-pointed
instrument with which the robber
was threatening her. She handed
over a bangle, and he also snatch-
ed her wrist-watch and jerked off
a gold necklace. The men then
fled.

With the object of going to the
Police Station to make a report of
the affair, she and the deceased
had proceeded some way down
Monmouth Path when he said he
had been stabbed, and sank down
on the steps. She called out for
assistance, but it was not until
half an hour afterwards that at-
tention was attracted. A whistle
was blown from a house nearby,
and people arrived on the scene
and began to ask all manner of
questions. A quarter of an hour
later, a constable arrived on a
motor-cycle and took charge.

Replying to the Coroner, witness
said she did not know either of
the assailants, but believed she
would recognise them again if
they were produced. She knew
that deceased had a gold finger
ring, set with a Sandakan stone,
which was stolen from him.

No Enemies.
The mother of the deceased, who
was the next witness called, said
he was 18 years of age, and as
far as she knew he had no enemies.
He was a good son and gave her
no trouble.

On the day in question he went
out after having taken his supper,
without saying where he was go-
ing, but witness heard subse-
quently that he had confided to a
salesman at Kwong Sang Hong
that he had an appointment with
the girl.

Questioned if she had any
reason to believe that his death
was other than incidental to an
armed robbery, witness replied in
the negative, but later accused
the girl of having hired the men
to murder her son.

Witness was severely reproved
by the Coroner for making "wild
allegations" without any proof.
She then replied that she had only
suspicions on which to base this
accusation.

Being severely cross-examined
as to the import of these suspi-
cions, witness made a rambling
statement to the effect that she
knew that her son and the girl
had exchanged ornaments with
their names entwined thereon.

It was put to witness that, if
anything, these tokens merely
proved a relationship which the
girl herself had frankly admitted
and should serve to disarm such
suspicions.

The jury returned a verdict of
"wilful murder" against persons
unknown. They added a rider re-
commending a better lighting sys-
tem for these dark portions of the
roadway, and improved police su-
pervision through the institution
of police patrols.

MORTGAGE APPEAL
ENDING.MR. POTTER REPLIES FOR THE
APPELLANTS.

LENGTHY ADDRESS.

The concluding stages of the
mortgage appeal case were entered
upon this morning in the Full
Court of Appeal when Mr. Eldon
Potter, K.C., on behalf of the
appellants, lengthily replied to
Mr. F. C. Jenkin.

Mr. Potter remarked that there
was no doubt a Court of equity
would prevent an infant from
reaping the advantage of his fraud,
as far as it could be prevented,
but the question was how far
could a Court of equity go in
ordering restitution? It was
admitted that restitution was the
only thing that the Court could
order.

Restitution Point.

He submitted that restitution
stopped where payment com-
menced. Restitution stopped
where one began to enforce the
contract. On the judgments of
eminent judges, it was held that
the Court was, in effect, prevented
from enforcing a contract against
an infant, which, in fact, was
avoided.

His submission was that the
order, such as the trial Judge had
made, was not only, in effect, con-
firming the contract, but was
literally enforcing it in the fullest
possible way; because one could
not do more than pay principle
and interest.

If the Court looked at the cases
relied upon by Mr. Jenkin, they
would find that, where the Court
ordered restitution, in every case
it disaffirmed the contract and did
not confirm it. The highest he
could put his submission at was that
they stopped short in effect once
they enforced the contract.

Dealing with a distinction which
appeared to have been made by the
trial Judge on an authority in his
judgment, Mr. Potter went on to
say he would submit that there was
no distinction between law and
equity and, on the contrary, where
the rules conflicted, the rule of
equity prevailed. He would also
submit that, logically speaking,
there could not be a distinction be-
tween an infant appearing as a
plaintiff and an infant appearing as
a defendant. It was obvious from
the rule of equity that under no
circumstances would the contract
be enforced.

Forced Into Court.

He submitted that they were not
tied by reason of the fact that the
infants happened to be plaintiffs,
always bearing in mind that they
were forced into Court by reason
of the contract which had, admit-
tedly, been avoided. They were forced
into Court by reason of the fact that
the defendants had said they were
going to sell the plaintiffs' property
unless they did a certain thing.

After dealing with the question
of agency as to a false representa-
tion which might have been made
by Sung, the interpreter, without
the plaintiffs' knowledge, Mr. Potter
argued at length on the doctrine of
the lien and quoted authorities to
support his contention that the
right of lien must be specifically
pleaded; whereas Mr. Jenkin had
pleaded, in effect, that a Court of
equity could give any relief it liked,
whether it was pleaded or not.
That, argued Mr. Potter, was not
the law.

He went on to deal with the
question as to whether the plain-
tiffs could have had knowledge of
the contents of the documents in
view of their signatures, as re-
ferred to by Mr. Jenkin. There was
no suggestion in the present case
or in the authorities, continued
Mr. Potter, which would show that
the signature was sufficient. Even
if it was so, it would not be
sufficient evidence of fraud.

Fraud Imputations.

Sir Henry Gollan remarked that
Mr. Jenkin had argued that there
were certain imputations, that those
imputations pointed to fraud, and
by his signature he was bound by
those imputations.

Mr. Potter submitted that the
point as made by Mr. Jenkin would
give no power in the establishment
of fraud. With regard to express
representation of fraud, there was,
continued Mr. Potter, not a
single suggestion of anything of
that nature. They had the words
"omission to describe the plain-
tiffs as under 21." Was that ex-
press representation? asked Mr.
Potter. He went on to say that
in practically every case "express
representation" was spoken of.

Mr. Jenkin had made a great
deal of the plaintiffs knowing a
lot about the transactions. Of
course they knew and had admitted
so. They knew a settlement of the
dispute was being put through
and that the trustees were going
to distribute the property.
They also knew they were going to
get certain property assigned to
them. As regards Hin, it was
clearly proved that he only came
to Hongkong 20 days before the
signing of the mortgage, and
visited Mr. Davidson's office for

SIR AUSTEN GETS
PIQUED.

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Eight Subjects.

Geneva, Mar. 6.
Eight subjects confronted the
public session of the League Coun-
cil this morning, the principal ones
being a proposal to reduce the
number of Council meetings, and
the question of constructing new
secretariat buildings, but interest
was focussed on a subsequent pri-
vate meeting to consider the de-
mands of the Little Entente, name-
ly Czechoslovakia, Rumania and
Yugoslavia for an examination of
the dispute over the smuggling of
machinegun parts into Hungary.

M. Walko, the Hungarian
Foreign Minister, previously visit-
ed and lengthily conferred with the
Italian delegate, Sig. Scialoja at
the latter's hotel, Italy being in-
volved in the affair owing to the
allegation that the parts were con-
signed from Italy.

The discussion in public session
of the question of non-ratification
of agreements and conventions
concluded under the auspices of
the League of Nations, including
the 1925 Opium Convention, was
so protracted that the private ses-
sion had to be postponed until to-
morrow.—Reuter.

"CUTTY SARK'S" OLD
COMMANDER.

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time—and while he worked his
apprentices hard he was very
keenly interested in their welfare
and in fair weather was generally
ready to exchange a joke with them
or ask them one of his innumera-
ble pet conundrums—the answers
to which they were always care-
ful not to know.

Such was the man who did so
much to make the old ship famous.
He was entertained at a big din-
ner in London a little more than
three years ago, at which glowing
tributes were paid to him by
Captain Millett, who served under
Captain Woodget on the Cutty
Sark.

Captain Woodget was latterly a
small white-bearded man whom no
landman would take for a sailor,
although his features had a peer-
ing look and receded a little under
the dome of his head, as though
blown in by strong winds and beat-
ing seas, and his hands were
"ropehokey," as sailors say, and
still strong and hard for all his
years. "An old eloquent!" they
say of ancient active statesmen, an
old master mariner whose
eloquence spoke only to the in-
timate of the sea. To the shoreman
he looked like a little local preach-
er in his old-fashioned black
coat and black tie.

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etc., whereby the material becomes ten times
as strong, for an infinitesimal increase in
weight. 5. To increase their machine-gun
power by giving each battalion one machine-
gun company. 6. Imig Jones; Charles I. T.
The island of Tristan da Cunha, in the South
Atlantic, which has about 160 inhabitants. 8.
The ruling tribe in Mexico at the time of
the Spanish invasion under Cortes in 1519. 9.
In Edinborough, near Edinburgh, on the Red Sea.
10. A dussoon, opening only at the top,
where prayers were frequently forgotten
("French 'coulure'"), and left to die. 11. 2,224
known languages and dialects. 12. Charles
Wolfe (1701-1751); Sir John Moore was killed
in the hour of victory at Coruna, in Spain,
1809.

the first time when the mortgage
was signed.

The solicitors were writing to
one another talking about a re-
lease and an assignment, but the
plaintiffs did not know all about it.
The solicitors were using technical
terms. How many English
boys, or even adults, would know
the meaning of the word release,
asked Mr. Potter. He thought
very few would. It seemed to be
apparent that the plaintiffs did not
know anything about the release.

All Present.

Continuing, Mr. Potter re-
marked that all the brothers
signed the release, including
elder brothers. Did the Court
really seriously believe that Lo
Lim-yuk, the eldest brother, did
not know that Hin was under 21
years of age? They were all pre-
sent when the deed was signed.
Why did not one of them say that
Hin was an infant? Was it pos-
sible that Li Lim-yuk would have
permitted the possible legal wreck-
ing of the whole settlement by al-
lowing the plaintiffs to sign a
document which would not be
worth the paper it was written on?
Mr. Potter contended that the
reason was because the matter was
never brought to their minds, and
they did not know that it mat-
tered.

The case is proceeding.

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